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LOUISVILLE

Regular Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

LOUISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

CLAY COUNTY, ILLINOIS,

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 16, 17 and 18, 1895.

Next meeting to be held with the Herrick Baptist Church, Shelby County, Illinois, Commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in August, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. E. PATTON, Moderator. Rev. S. J. CARLOCK, Clerk.
Deacon S. R. JONES, Treasurer.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the Louisville Regular Baptist Association and shall consist of Regular Baptist Churches, represented by Letter and Messenger, convened according to appointment.

ART. II. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by this body.

ART. III. This Association may act as an Advisory Council upon such matters as the Churches may present from time to time (if she deem it expedient). It may recommend or adopt such measures as may be thought best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the Churches, and advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, but no act of this body shall be binding upon the Churches.

ART. IV. Churches may be received into this body upon application, by Letter and Messenger, if sound in faith and practice, and dismissed upon application by Letter, and any Church disorderly in practice, contentious or unsound in faith, may be excluded at the discretion of the Association.

ART. V. At any time when this body may deem it expedient, she may appoint an Executive Board to superintend the general interests of the denomination throughout the bounds of this Association, together with such rules and regulations for the government of the same, as she may deem proper.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present concurring therein, provided notice shall have been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The Moderator shall preside over this body during its session, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall preserve order, and may speak on any question by calling a member to the chair, and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

ART. II. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association, and may have an assistant to read letters, documents, etc.

ART. III. The Treasurer shall take charge of all money and property belonging to the Association, and pay out the same when ordered by the body, and report when required.

ART. IV. The officers of one session shall serve until their successors are duly elected.

ART. V A Committee on Divine Service shall be appointed at the commencement of the session to arrange the religious exercises.

ART. VI. An annual sermon shall be delivered at the opening of the session by some minister previously appointed, unless the Association otherwise directs.

ART. VII. Churches shall report their condition and the prospect of the cause around them, by letter, and designate their messengers.

ART. VIII. Brethren from other bodies with whom we are in fellow-

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ship shall be received as visitors or correspondents.

ART. IX. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, nor longer than ten minutes without leave; and, when speaking, shall arise and address the Moderator, using decorous and Christian language.

ART. X. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without leave, and any member who may violate the rules of the Association shall be reprimanded or suspended, as the Association may deem best.

ART. XI. The Association may appoint a brother to write a circular letter on some particular subject of interest to the Churches, and present it at the next session.

ART. XII. The Association may order committees to be appointed on different subjects.

ART. XIII. In transacting business this Association agrees to be governed by parliamentary rules.

ART. XIV. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

ART. XV. Any Baptist minister acting as pastor in this Association may be sent as a delegate to the Association by one of the churches with which he labors, and if so, is entitled to the rights and privileges of resident members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer and annual sermon.
2. Calling the Association together and reading Church letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. A Committee on Divine Services.
5. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
6. An opportunity given to new Churches for membership.
7. Correspondence called for.
8. Appointing committees.
9. When and where shall the next Association be held, and who shall preach the annual sermon and write the circular letter.
10. Who superintend printing the minutes.
11. Appointing messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Reports of committees and miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

On Thursday evening services were conducted at Louisville Baptist Church by Brother Rodman and Brother Fulmer, who preached from Psalms xxxvii, 5: "Commit thy way unto the Lord."

FRIDAY MORNING.

Louisville Baptist Association met with Louisville Baptist Church at 10:00 a. m , August 16, 1895, and after singing "Coronation," Eld. B. F. Rodman read 1 Peter iii, and offered prayer. In the absence of the regularly appointed introductory preacher, Eld. T. M. Griffith was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Text, "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts," 1 Peter iii, 15.

Eld. Patton, Moderator, called the Association together and letters from the Churches were called for and read, Brother Danbury assisting in the reading. 15 Churches reported.

The roll of messengers prepared from the reading of the letters was called and the names of absentees stricken off.

Association then proceeded to organize by electing officers Eld. G. W. Danbury was appointed to take the vote for Moderator, and Brother W. P. Surrells for Clerk.

Election resulted in the choice of Eld. E. Patton for Moderator, and S. J. Carlock for Clerk. Deacon S. R. Jones was elected Treasurer. Moderator then appointed committees.

On motion by Brother Surrells house adjourned till 2 p. m. Benediction by Brother Rodman.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator called for names of representatives of the several denominational interests and visiting ministers. The following names were enrolled.

1. On Foreign Missions—C. F. Tolman.
2. On Home Missions—Fuller Swift and S. C. Fulmer.
3. On State Missions—H. C. First and B. F. Rodman.
4. On American Baptist Flag—C. F. Renfro.
5. On State Sunday School Missions and American Baptist Publication Society—G. W. Danbury.
6. On Ewing College and Baptist Scintillations—J. A. Leavitt.
7. On Woman's Home Mission Board—Miss Everts.

Representatives from other Associations were called for and the following names were enrolled:

1. Springfield Association—T. M. Griffith and J. J. Midkiff.
2. Olney Association—J R. Stroud, L. Cory and C. F. Renfro.
3. Centralia Association—R. W. Spicer.
4. Nine Mile Association—G. W. Danbury and B. F. Rodman.
5. Shoal Creek (Mo.) Association—A. T. Griffith.

6. Franklin Association—J. A. Leavitt.

Moderator called for letters from Churches desiring membership with the Louisville Association, and three were read. Ramsey, Farina and New Zion reported by letters and delegates, and were received, the Moderator extending to delegates the hand of fellowship.

Brother S. R. Jones moved that the Clerk receive the funds for minutes and be instructed to superintend the printing of same.

The Moderator then appointed messengers to sister Associations as follows:

1. Olney—J. F. Baker.
2. Mt. Erie—E. Patton, J. F. Baker and M. T. Snyder.
3. Springfield—S. J. Carlock.

Reports of committees called for and none being ready, Brother Danbury called upon the delegates for Sunday School reports.

The committee on digest of letters being in part absent, Brother M. T. Snyder and wife were appointed to assist in that work.

The report of committee on Associational Missions was called for and read by Eld. J. F. Baker, the Associational Missionary. Moved to adopt same, and after being discussed at length by Brothers Baker, Griffith, Stroud and Midkiff it was moved that, on account of some incompleteness, the action of the body on this bill be deferred until 10 a. m. Saturday.

Committee on Divine services report the following program for the evening:

At 2nd Little Prairie.....Eld. G. W. Danbury.
At Pleasant Hill.....Eld. B. F. Rodman.
Louisville, Christian Church.....Eld. Fuller Swift.
Louisville, Baptist Church.....Miss Everts, 7:30—Eld. J. J. Midkiff, 8:15.

Brother Danbury made an announcement concerning "The Colporteur" and Brother Midkiff presented the claims of "The Baptist Standard."

House adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., Saturday. Benediction by Rev. Danbury.

FRIDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 p. m. Miss Everts spoke on the Mission work among the American Indians, giving some graphic descriptions of the Western life. A collection was then taken for that department of the work. Following this Brother Midkiff preached from John xi, 40. Theme. "The glory of God revealed to faith."

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met at 8:30 and devotional exercises were conducted by Brother Cory.

At 9:00 the house was called to order by Moderator and prayer was offered by Brother Elkins.

The Moderator appointed committees on Education, Religious Literature and B. Y. P. U. work.

Report of Associational Missionary called for and read by Brother Baker. His first paper contains a summary of work during the past year. Some discrepancies being discovered in the different reports on finance, an auditing committee consisting of W. P. Surrells and N. B. Owings was appointed to examine the books. The report when adopted read as follows:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

LOUISVILLE, ILL., August 16, 1895.

DEAR BRETHREN OF LOUISVILLE ASSOCIATION:—It affords me pleasure to meet you in your forty-fifth annual session. I entered upon the missionary work in your association the 1st of last October at a salary of $500 and half of my collections from the field. And have labored at the following

places during the associational year: 2nd Little Prairie, Xenia, Little Wabash, Greenland, Mt. Pleasant, Herrick, Ramsey, Vandalia, Louisville, 1st Little Prairie, Mason, Dieterich, Pleasant Hill, Jackson Township, and assisted in organizing churches at New Zion, at the White school house near Watson and at Farina, Fayette county. I have traveled over 1400 miles, labored 311 days, preached 287 sermons, made 24 Sunday School addresses, witnessed 31 confessions, baptized 31, witnessed baptism of 10 others by Pastor Carlock, Louisville: attended 2 funerals and preached Memorial sermon at Vandalia, May 26. I have collected from all sources $394.10. I almost forgot to tell you that I visited Blue Point Church and found them engaged in making some necessary repairs on their Church building. I found our beloved Brother Tupper at Effingham with his work well in hand for the time he has been in the field. God bless Brother Tupper. Dear Brethren we greatly need more thorough organization in our missionary work in the bounds of our association. Therefore, let me suggest that this association appoint four quarterly meetings for the executive board, and request each church to co-operate with the board in sending one or more delegates. Said delegate to act as financial agent of the church and bring up to each quarterly meeting such contributions as they shall be able, to assist the board in the work. Dear Brethren among the good things it has been my privilege to enjoy was a five days' discussion held between the Baptists and Campbellites at Holliday, in Shelby county. Our Baptist cyclone Bro. J. J. Porter, of Jerseyville, swept everything before him. I feel that I am only feebly expressing the feelings of the Brotherhood when I say, God bless Bro. J. J. Porter; long may he live to wield the old blade.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,

J. F. BAKER, Missionary.

Have received from Churches as follows:

Name of Church.	Amount.	Name of Church.	Amount.
Herrick	$ 38 25	Little Wabash	$ 13 90
Vandalia	8 70	Greenland	51 75
Farina	7 39	Pleasant Hill	13 03
Mason	4 60	Jackson Twp	4 62
Flora	2 00	Louisville	36 08
Iola	23 50	Effingham	28 15
Xenia	12 06	Dieterich	8 00
2nd Little Prairie	41 46	Mt. Pleasant	117 00
		Total from Churches	$401 49

Ten A. M. being the hour appointed for taking action on the report of committees on associational missions, it was moved that the rule be suspended and the house to take up report on State Missions. Called for by Moderator and read by Brother Rodman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions would submit the following report:

Our State Missions have had a most successful year both in work performed and results attained. Never before has the work been more prosperous and the importance of the work and its demands upon the board have never been greater than now. Many fields are unoccupied; more than 100 towns in the state with a population of 1000 and upwards without a Baptist church. My brother or sister has not God entrusted you with some funds that you could give in building up the cause of our blessed Redeemer in this state? Our board is now about $5000 in debt and we as pastors and messengers hereby pledge ourselves to take annual collections for our State Mission work.

B. F. RODMAN,
J. A. SMITH,
L. A. EDWARDS,
} Committee.

The report was discussed by Brothers Rodman and First, after which it was adopted and a collection taken for State Missions amounting to $17.65 in cash and $3 in pledges.

The auditing committee reported a deficit of $39.10 on the Associational Mission work.

The question of employing a Missionary for the ensuing year then arose. Brother Danbury explained that the American Baptist Pub. Co. agreed to donate $300 in books to a Missionary working on this field, providing $300 more is pledged to help support him in the work.

Moderator appointed a committee, consisting of W. P. Surrells, J. R. Stroud, and John Bryan on selection of the mission board for the ensuing year.

Committee on B. Y. P. U. work reported program for the afternoon meeting which was adopted.

Committee on Religious Literature presented report. In the discussion following the several denominational papers and periodicals were presented and explained. Brother Leavitt spoke of "Baptist Scintillations;" Brother First of "The Bulleton;" Brother Danbury, the "Colporteur," and "Baptist Union;" Brother Midkiff, "The Home Mission Monthly;" and Brother Tolman, the "Baptist Standard," and several foreign Mission papers.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The power of the printing press can no longer be questioned. Let it be well known that we must look to the Baptist press for Baptist literature. Our Baptist family papers are all good. We especially commend "Baptist Scintillations," "The Baptist Union," our B. Y. P. U. paper and the Sunday School supplies furnished by our own A. B. Publishing Society. We recommend that all our ministers supply themselves with a $1 package of the A. B P. S. for free distribution.

J. J. MIDKIFF, }
J. A. LEAVITT, } Committee.

The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Mission Board recommended Eld. E. Patton, Brother John Phillips and Brother N. B. Owings for the Mission Board for the ensuing year, which report was received.

Report of committee on Home Missions called for and read by Brother Swift. After a motion for its adoption it was discussed by Brothers Swift, Fulmer and Griffith.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, The Home Mission Society having accomplished a marvelous work during its eventful history, and especially during the past year, viz: It having employed missionaries, laborers and teachers to the number of 1000; having distributed the workers throughout the several States of the Union, Mexico and the Dominion of Canada: expending in this work about half a million dollars, besides aiding in the work among the colored people of the south and foreigners; reports additions to the church to the number of 6192 by baptism.

WHEREAS, The West, the greatest field of the society, the opportunities for work being unsurpassed, but greatly hindered by the financial depression among that people, and

WHEREAS, The needs of the society calls for eager and more general contributions from all the churches, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the work of the Home Mission Society be heartily endorsed, and that as pastors and delegates we pledge ourselves to urge and assist the churches in taking annual collections to support this vast and important work.

FULLER SWIFT, }
S. C. FULMER. } Committee.

House adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Brother Leavitt.

At 1:30 the house was called to order and program prepared by committee on B. Y. P. U. work was carried out as follows:

1. Devotional Exercises, led by Brother Swift.
2. Five minutes address by the President.
3. Report of Associational Secretary.
4. Reports from different Unions.
5. Five minute talks by Brothers Leavitt and Midkiff on the Baltimore Convention.

6. Address by Rev. W. C. Monroe, "How to Conduct the Union."
7. Business meeting and elections.

SARA HARVEY, GRACE COHEA, O. M. JONES. } Committee.

The time being limited, the elections were left to a committee appointed by the B. Y. P. U. President and their nominations to be presented for approval. Committee consisted of Grace Cohea, Hattie Price, Brother Surrells, Sara Harvey and Brother Harwood.

Report of committee on Sunday Schools called for and read by Brother Danbury.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Schools reported last year 13, this year, 16; officers and teachers last year 98, this year 132: scholars last year 612, this year 898; average attendance last year 452, this year 677. For this gain we should thank God and take courage. We would recommend, 1st, For this year the same general plan adopted last year: that there be three institutes held during the year, one in each district. 2nd, That there be appointed some one in each district whose duty it shall be to look after the general interests of our Sunday School work. 3rd, As we believe it to be our duty to support this mission, we ask the messengers to say what they will make an effort to raise for the State Sunday School work during the year.

G. W. DANBURY, W. P. SURRELLS, GRACE COHEA, HATTIE PRICE, J. D. BURTON. } Committee.

The report being adopted the appointments were made as follows: 1st district, S. J. Carlock, Louisville; 2nd district, W. P. Surrells, Effingham; and 3rd district, J. F. Baker, Mt. Pleasant. The Institutes were arranged for as follows: In 3rd district, November 1, 2 and 3 at Mt. Pleasant: 2nd at Blue Point, December 27, 28 and 29; 1st at Little Prairie on Friday before the first Sunday in April, 1896.

Pledges were then taken for the State Sunday School work:

Name of Church.	Amount.	Name of Church.	Amount.
Bule Point	$ 3 00	Louisville	$ 3 00
Effingham	5 00	Meacham	1 00
Flora	2 00	Mt. Pleasant	3 00
Greenland	3 00	Pleasant Hill	2 00
Herrick	3 00	Wabash	2 00
Iola	2 00	New Zion	2 00
Jackson Twp	2 00	Xenia	2 00
Little Prairie	3 00		

Total from Churches....$38 00

Moderator appointed Brother Griffith to take pledges for the support of Associational Missionary during the coming year, but he not being able to remain Brother Fulmer took the names and amounts as follows:

Name of Churches.	Amount.	Name of Churches.	Amount.
Little Prairie	$ 25 00	Effingham	$ 20 00
Mt. Pleasant	15 00	Herrick	10 00
Louisville	10 00	Wabash	10 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00	Iola	5 00
Xenia	5 00	Flora	4 00

Total of Church Pledges..$114 00
N. B. Owings.... 30 00

Name of Individual.	Amount.	Name of Individual.	Amount.
E. Patton	$ 12 00	Mary Hyndman	$ 3 00
J. F. Baker	10 00	R. W. Spicer	3 00
M. L. Owings	10 00	Sister Hollen	2 00

Name of Individual	Amount.
J. R. Bryan	$ 6 00
Lida Harvey	5 00
Sara Harvey	5 00
Nancy Eaton	5 00
Sarah Cannon	5 00
L. A. Edwards	5 00
Benjamin Buzzard	5 00
W. P. Surrells	5 00
J. A. Leavitt	5 00
M. T. Snyder	5 00
G. W. Danbury	5 00
Thomas Sturgeon	5 00
J. L. Phillips	5 00
S. J. Carlock	5 00
Blue Point B. Y. P. U.	5 00
F. Hollen	4 00

Name of Individual.	Amount.
James Anderson	$ 2 00
Hugh Hord	2 00
W. S. Eaton	2 00
W. C. Monroe	2 00
W. M. Bridges	2 00
Effingham B. Y. P. U.	2 00
Flora B. Y. P. U.	2 00
Total,	$134 00
Twenty-five others pledge $1	$ 25 00
N. B. Owings	30 00
Church pledges	114 00
Collection	3 35
Total	$306 53

Reports of committees were deferred for a time and Brother Syfert followed by Rev. J. H. Jones spoke of the work at Ramsey and their needs.

Report of Committee on Resolutions called for and read by Brother Stroud. Some discussion followed and it was found best to make some correction and amendments, which when done read as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That it be the sense of this body that any member who encourages the sale of intoxicating liquors shall not be considered in good standing.

WHEREAS, We appreciate the form of government under which we live and are grateful for the liberties vouchsafed to us, and

WHEREAS, We believe our Baptist Churches to be a great factor in teaching self government, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, in view of existing corruption, we believe the time has come for all to lay emphasis on good citizenship.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the messengers and visitors of this Association are due the Louisville Church and friends for their kind entertainment during this session.

J. R. STROUD,
M. T. SNYDER, } Committee.
WM. PRUITT.

Report of Committee on Nominating Officers for B. Y. P. U. report the following recommendations: For President, S. J. Carlock: Vice Presidents, G. W. Tupper and W. C. Monroe: Secretary, Lida Harvey. Report adopted and meeting appointed for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters called for and read by Brother Snyder, which with some corrections was adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

2. DIETERICH—Pastor, Elder J. W. Reed: monthly services.
4. FARINA—Church organized in April last; recognized June 29; six constituent members; no increase; weekly prayer meetings: no Sunday School; no house of worship; have services of J. R. Baker and R. W. Spicer: want more spiritual life.
1. BLUE POINT—Enjoying usual prosperity: S. J. Carlock, pastor: have flourishing B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society: have improved church property; mourn the loss of two members.
17. RAMSEY—Organized in February: eleven constituent members; recognized July 21; Elder J. H. Jones, pastor; no house of worship.
3. EFFINGHAM — Brother G. W. Tupper, pastor: have had revival; fourteen additions: prosperous prayer meeting; B. Y. P. U.; Sunday School; hope for greater blessings in the future.
5. FLORA—Rev. W. B. Lile, pastor: monthly services; rejoices in addition of twenty members: have Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U.; Sunday School flourishing: mourns the loss of one by death: building new

house of worship.

6. GREENLAND—Rev. David Collins, pastor until June; have no pastor at present; mourns the loss of two; have not accomplished as much as desired.
7. HERRICK—Rev. E. Patton, pastor; moderate prosperity; general revival last August along all lines of work; have a regular prayer meeting and very prosperous Sunday School; financially, no reason to complain; asks for Association.
8. IOLA—Services once a month; striving to build a house of worship; would be thankful for contributions, as we cannot succeed without.
9. JACKSON TOWNSHIP—J. R. Stroud, pastor; marked degree of prosperity; have Baptist Sunday School; some difficulty among the membership, but not serious; hope to triumph in the Lord.
10. SECOND LITTLE PRIARIE—Pastor, Elder E. Patton; have prosperous Sunday School and Bible class; have had a very prosperous year.
11. LOUISVILLE--Elder S. J. Carlock, pastor; bi-weekly meetings; have Sunday School; church greatly revived.
12. MASON—No regular pastor, have not been as prosperous as we would like; but are still trying to hold forth.
13. MEACHAM—Elder R. W. Spicer, pastor; services once a month; lack prosperity; low state spiritually: have Sunday School and prayer meeting: church not united.
14. MOUNT PLEASANT—Elder J. F. Baker, pastor one-fourth of the time; have Sunday School; fair degree of prosperity.
15. NEW ZION—Chuch organized May 12, with twenty-five constituent members; Rev. J. R. Stroud, pastor one-fouth of the time; have Sunday School and prayer meeting.
16. PLEASANT HILL—Rev. E. Patton, pastor; services once a month; reasonable degree of prosperity; Sunday School and prayer meeting.
18. WABASH—No pastor; Lord has prospered by giving peace among themselves; have union Sunday School; hope to build a new church soon; greatly increased in numbers; have Sunday School.
19. XENIA—Rev. A. J. Ammerman, pastor; once-a-month services; have Sunday School and prayer meeting.

The following resolution was then brought up on mission collections, which was adopted: "We, the ministers and messengers of Louisville Association, recommend to our churches that September, October and November be the time of taking collections for Associational missions; December and January be the time for the collection for Foreign missions; February and March for Home missions; April and May for State missions, and June and July for Publication Society work."

On motion adjourned till 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Brother Monroe.

SATURDAY EVENING

Services at Church house by Brother Tolman. Text, Acts 1, 8. "And ye shall receive power." Services at Little Prairie by Brother Fulmer; at Pleasant Hill, Brother Danbury; Wabash, Brother Cory.

After service Moderator called for report on Foreign Missions and was read by Brother Tolman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would submit the following, be it resolved,

1st, That we recognize it to be our duty and privilege to labor together for the evangelization of the whole heathen world.

2nd, That the American Baptist Mission Union is our economical agency for this great work.

3rd, That we urge all our churches to give, as we voted, during the months of December and January.

4th, That we recommend the use of the "Lighthouse" mite boxes in our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Societies for worshipful giving.

5th, That we promise to examine the map circular and secure sub-

scribers for "The Kingdom" and Missionary Magazine.

G. W. SYFERT,
R. W. SPICER, } Committee.
C. F. TOLMAN.

Report of the Committee on Education called for and read by the clerk. Discussed at length by Brother Leavitt, who presented the interests of Ewing College and need of Educational work.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

RESOLVED, That we express our thanks to God for the prosperity which attended our denominational institutions and commend them heartily to the support and patronage of our brethren.

We further recommend that the Committee on Education be appointed one year in advance, that a correct and concise report may be made of the work done by all our institutions.

J. A. LEAVITT,
W. B. LILE, } Committee.
W. C. MONROE

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee recommends, 1st. That every church become a Domestic Mission Circle, not in part, but in its entirety. 2nd. That each church select one of its most active and efficient members to canvass the church membership for cash and subscriptions for the Mission work in our own Association. 3rd. That the Board instruct the Missionary to correspond with and assist the member thus appointed and even visit the church when necessary to give such help as may be required. 4th, That all funds so collected be sent to the Treasurer quarterly.

J. F. BAKER,
J. L. PHILLIPS. } Committee.
W. N. BRIDGES.

Minister's list revised by the Clerk. House voted to dispense with the formal reading and adoption of the minutes and the work of revision and correction be entrusted to the clerk.

Announcements for Sunday Service:

9:30 a. m., Sunday School mass meeting, led by Brother Danbury: 10:30 a. m., divine service conducted by Brother Swift: 2:00 p. m, B. Y. P. U. meeting led by S. J. Carlock: 2:30 p m., divine service conducted by Brother Fulmer.

Moved to adjourn till 9:30 a. m. Sunday to meet in the grove east of town. Dismissed by singing doxology and benediction by Brother Baker.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Congregation met in grove at 9:30 a. m. and Sunday School was conducted by Brother Danbury on the lesson, Deut. VI. 3-15, "The New Home in Canaan." The Sunday Schools of the town were well represented and many interesting points were discussed. An offering for the Sunday School work was then taken amounting to $4.70.

Following this Rev. Fuller Swift preached from Judges VII. 20. In his unique manner and clearly drawn analogies, he held the large audience for almost an hour on the theme of "Breaking the Pitchers," which meant the destruction of that which holds our light or prevents it from shining, which must be done before the victory can be won. A collection was taken for Home Missions.

The Moderator then called the Body to order, and the Committee on Education for ensuing year was appointed—J. A. Leavitt, G. W. Danbury and Fuller Swift being chosen.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION REPORTED

First—That Herrick be the place of holding the next annual session.

Second—That the time of meeting be on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1896.

Third—That Elder J. F. Baker be appointed to preach the introductory

sermon and Elder W. B. Lile to be his alternate.

N. B. Owings,
J. T. Sturgeon,
Walt Henderson
John Fleener,
} Committee.

Report was adopted, and Association adjourned as per appointment. Congregation sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Brother Tolman.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION MEETING.

At 2:00 p. m. a song service was led by Brother Swift, and the business of the Union transacted. It was arranged for three meetings to be held during the year in connection with the Sunday School institute in November, December and April. Secretary was instructed to take roll of representatives present from five unions—Effingham, Blue Point, Louisville, Flora and Xenia

Adjourned to meet at Mt. Pleasant, November 2, 1895.

S. J. CARLOCK, President.
G. W. Tupper, Vice President.
W. C. Monroe, Second Vice President
Lida Harvey, Secretary and Treasurer.

ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS.

1. Blue Point—S. J. Carlock, Mary Hyndman, Mary Sturritt, Lida Harvey, Sara Harvey and Ivy Tompson.
2. Dieterich—W. N. Bridges and Sister Fields.
3. Effingham—Grace Cohea and W. P. Surrells.
4. Farina—R. W. Spicer.
5. Flora—Wesley Golden, M. T. Snyder, Hattie Price, F O. Harwood and Charles Shinn.
6. Greenland—J. L. Phillips, W. H. Boone and Benjamin Buzzard.
7. Herrick—N. B. Owings and Mary L. Owings.
8. Iola—E. Patton, I. H. Elkin, John Sanders and John Fender
9. Jackson Township—J. A. Smith, J. M. Smith, L. W. Smith and R. A. Riley.
10. Little Prairie—L. A. Edwards, W. S. Eaton, A. Barnes, G. W. Toliver, James Hord, J. D. Burton and William Pruitt.
11. Louisville—S. R. Jones, William Hudelson, W. W Duncan, J. J. Spriggs and J. W. Sullivan.
12. Mason—Ellen Turner and Sarah Cannon.
13. Meacham—David Courson and L. B. Branson.
14. Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Sturgeon and Newton Huss.
15. New Zion—
16. Pleasant Hill—W. W. McCollum, John Childers, John Fleener, Walter Henderson, William Eaton, Laura McCollum and Maggie Fleener.
17. Ramsey—G. W. Sybert.
18. Wabash—Arch Allen, F. Hollen and N. E. Darnell.
19. Xenia—A. J. Ammerman and Trophie Snyder.

MINISTERIAL LIST—PASTORS.

Name.	Address.	Name.	Address.
Ammerman, A. J.	Xenia, Ill.	Lile, W. B.,	Olney, Ill.
Baker, J. F.	Dresser, Ill.	Patton, E.,	Iola, Ill.
Carlock, S. J.	Ewing College.	Reed, J. W.,	Newton, Ill.
Collins, David,	Effingham, Ill.	Stroud, J. R.,	Ingraham, Ill.
Hollen, F.	Riffle, Ill.	Spicer, R. W.,	Kinmundy, Ill.
Jones, J. H.,	Coffeen, Ill.	Tupper, G. W.,	Effingham, Ill.

OTHER MINISTERS.

Elkin, I. H.,	Iola, Ill.	Spriggs, W. S.,	Ewing, Ill.
Monroe, W. C.,	Flora, Ill.		

LICENTIATE.

Boone, Wm. H. Beecher City, Ill.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Table Showing the Condition of Sunday Schools in the Louisville Association.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	Number of Schools.	Officers	Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance	Baptisms	Home Expenses	Publication Society.	State Work
Blue Point	A. Hutton	Shumway	1	3	3	40	40	....	$55 96	$	$ 3 00
Dieterich	W. W. Bridges.	Dieterich	1	3	5	40	25	...		...	15 00
Effingham	Grace Colhea	Effingham	1	5	10	91	61	10	58 00	..	5 00
Flora	M. T. Snyder.	Flora	1	5	9	100	86	15	27 00	....	1 00
Greenland	Ben Buzzard	Beecher City	1	4	7	35	42	1	13 34	...	7 00
Herrick	Stella Henderson	Herrick	1	3	4	55	40	...	12 00		10 05
*Iola											
Jackson Township	J. Mesner	Oscar	1	4	4	50	43	9	5 65	1 90	7 02
Second Little Prairie	H. Hord	Louisville	1	4	6	95	75	5	7 51	....	9 00
Louisville	S. R Jones	Louisville	1	4	6	70	33	6	17 00	....	10 32
*Mason											
Meacham	D Caison.	Farina	1	3	4	40	25	..	3 00		
Mt Pleasant	J. H. Neece	Dresser	1	4	5	60	40	..		....	10 36
Pleasant Hill.	H. Lauchner,	Louisville	1	4	6	57	42	....	4 23	..	15 60
*Stewardson											
Wabash	N. E. Darnell	Riffle	1	3	5	55	40	6	...	...	3 00
New Zion	.....	Watson	1	4	4	60	55	..		....	.....
Xenia.	J. E. Tulley	Xenia	1	4	5	50	30	..	11 60		1 70
Totals			16	53	79	896	677	56	$215 79	$1 90	$ 91 35

*No school.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the Churches of the Louisville Regular Baptist Association for the Meeting of August, 1895.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME OF CLERK.	POST-OFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP								PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	EXPENSES				CONTRIBUTIONS.					VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.
				INCREASE.				DECREASE.					Pastors' Salaries.	Printing Fund.	Other Expenses Improvements, etc.	Total Expenses.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	A. B. P. Society.	Total Church Expenses.	
				Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Total.	Death.	Exclusion.	Delinquent.	Total.											
Blue Point	S. J. Carlock	Mary Hyndman	Shumway			1	1		2	1	3	76	$ 120	$ 1 50	$ 650	$ 771 50	$ 5 00	$	$ 5 00	$	$	$ 10 00	$ 2,000
Dieterich	J. W Reed	W. N. Bridges	Dieterich						1	1	2	1	3	1†	100	25		125 00	8 00					8 00	400
Effingham	G. W. Tupper	W. P. Surrells	Effingham	13	4	2	1	20	7	3	3		13	115	400	2 00	280	683 42	25 00	27 00	8 05	6 75		64 80	2,250
Farina	R. W. Spicer	E E. Downing	Farina		6			6						6	75	50			7 39					7 39	
Flora	W B. Lile	M T. Snyder	Flora	15	5			20	6	1	14		21	125	200	1 05		520 08	20 00	6 00				21 00	1,600
Greenland	David Collins	W H Boone	Beecher City	1				1		2	2		4	65	80	1 50	70	154 00	36 00	5 00	2 55			45 55	1,500
Herrick	E. Patton	E. Buchanan	Herrick	7	1		2	10	3			7	20	34	176	1 06	63	245 00	15 00		1 00			16 00	
Iola	E. Patton	L. M Patton	Iola											12		1 00		50 00	4 50		2 00		1 90	8 40	600
Jackson Township	J R. Stroud	C. C. Smith	Altamont	36	1	1	4	42	19		7		26	114	80	1 10	24	165 00							
*First Little Prairie		James Anderson	Hord											†53											
Second Little Prairie	E Patton	John Toliver	Louisville	7	3	2		12	6	1	1		8	158	75	1 55	23	100 00	25 00	3 75	1 50	72		30 97	500
Louisville	S J Carlock	James Coggswell	Louisville	12	3			15	4	1			5	103	250	1 50	100	350 00	36 08		7 20	5 00	2 19	50 47	2,000
Mason	W H. Boone	A. Sharp	Mason	1				1	1				1	27	75	40	25	140 00	4 60					4 60	
Meacham	R. W Spicer	D. Courson	Farina											31	90	55	40	150 00						15 00	600
Mt. Pleasant	J F. Baker	H. Hennon	Ramsey	5				5	8	2		27	37	70	125	1 75	50	175 00	15 00					15 00	800
New Zion	J R. Stroud	S M. White	Watson		25			25			1		1	24	75	75		150 00		12 00				12 00	
Pleasant Hill	E. Patton	T. J Bible	Louisville	2	2			4			1		1	62	75	1 25	500	600 00	10 00		4 25			14 25	600
Ramsey	J. H Jones	G. W. Syfert	Ramsey	1	11			12						12	75	50									
*Stewardson																								10 00	
Wabash	F. Hollen	M. Colclasure	Riffle	20	2			22			2		2	34	60	1 10	14	75 00	10 00						
*Watson																								17 30	2,500
Xenia	A J. Ammerman	J. R. Bryan	Xenia						8	2			10	51	125	50	25	150 00	12 00	1 00	1 60	2 70			
Totals				12	63	6	7	196	69	15	55	45	162	1,194	$2,256	$19 76	$1,864	$4,083 00	$233 57	$54 75	$34 15	$15 17	$4 69	$341 73	$16,000

* No report. † Number last reported.

NOTE—Some of the items in Church Expenses are stated approximately, as I could not ascertain the correct figures.—[CLERK.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-sixth Anniversary

OF THE

LOUISVILLE

REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Herrick Baptist Church

Shelby Co., Illinois

August 14, 15, and 16, 1896

Moderator, Rev. J. F. BAKER *Clerk*, Rev. S. J. CARLOCK
Treasurer, Deacon S. R. JONES

Next meeting will be held with the Effingham Baptist Church
Effingham County, Illinois, commencing on Friday
before the third Sunday in August, 1897
at ten o'clock A. M.

Delegates and visitors are requested to report at Church House, Thursday before next session at one P. M., to be provided with entertainment.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the Louisville Regular Baptist Association and shall consist of Regular Baptist Churches, represented by Letter and Messenger, convened according to appointment.

ART II. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by this body.

ART. III. This association may act as an Advisory Council upon such matters as the Churches may present from time to time (if she deem it expedient.) It may recommend or adopt such measures as may be thought best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the Churches, and advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom but no act of this body shall be binding upon the Churches.

ART. IV. Churches may be received into this body upon application, by Letter and Messenger, if sound in faith and practice, and dismissed upon application by Letter, and any Church disorderly in practice, contentious or unsound in faith, may be excluded at the discretion of the Association.

ART. V. At any time when this body may deem it expedient, she may appoint an Executive Board to superintend the general interests of the denomination throughout the bounds of this Association, together with such rules and regulations for the government of the same, as she may deem proper.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present concurring therein, provided notice shall have been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The Moderator shall preside over this body during its session, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall preserve order, and may speak on any question by calling a member to the chair, and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

ART. II. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association, and may have an assistant to read letters, documents, etc.

ART. III. The Treasurer shall take charge of all money and property belonging to the Association, and pay out the same when ordered by the body, and report when required.

ART. IV. The officers of one session shall serve until their successors are duly elected.

ART. V. A Committee on Divine Service shall be appointed at

the commencement of the session to arrange the religious exercises.

ART. VI. An annual sermon shall be delivered at the opening of the session by some minister previously appointed, unless the Association otherwise directs.

ART. VII. Churches shall report their condition and the prospect of the cause around them, by letter, and designate their messengers.

ART. VIII. Brethren from other bodies with whom we are in fellowship shall be received as visitors or correspondents.

ART. IX. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, nor longer than ten minutes without leave; and, when speaking, shall arise and address the Moderator, using decorous and Christian language.

ART. X. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without leave, and any member who may violate the rules of the Association shall be reprimanded or suspended, as the Association may deem best.

ART. XI. The Association may appoint a brother to write a circuiar letter on some particular subject of interest to the Churches, and present it at the next session.

ART. XII. The Association may order committees to be appointed on different subjects.

ART. XIII. In transacting business this Association agrees to be governed by parliamentary rules.

ART. XIV. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

ART. XV. Any Baptist minister acting as pastor in this Association may be sent as a delegate to the Association by one of the Churches with which he labors, and if so, is entitled to the rights and privileges of resident members.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer and annual sermon.
2. Calling the Association together and reading Church letters.
3. Election of officers.
4. A Committee on Divine Services.
5. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
6. An opportunity given to new Churches for membership.
7. Correspondence called for.
8. Appointing committees.
9. When and where shall the next Association be held, and who shall preach the annual sermon and write the circular letter.
10. Who superintend printing the minutes.
11. Appointing messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Reports of committees and miscellaneous business

MINUTES

OF THE

Louisville Regular Baptist Association.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Association met with Herrick Baptist Church, at Herrick, Shelby county, Ill., Friday morning, August 14, 1896, at 10 o'clock.

After reading of Is. xii, and prayer by Rev. G. W. Tupper, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Baker from John iii; 5.

Letters from the Churches were called for and read by Bros. Danbury and Rodman. After which, as some of the messengers had not yet arrived, house moved to adjourn till 2 p. m.

Benediction by Bro. Danbury.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Association was called to order at 2 o'clock by the moderator, and after singing "Labor On," prayer was offered by Rev. R. W. Spicer.

Association then proceeded to organize by electing a moderator and clerk. Bro. G. W. Danbury took the vote for moderator, which resulted in the election of Rev. J. F. Baker. Bro. S. R. Jones took the vote for clerk, which resulted in the selection of Bro. S. J. Carlock.

Bro. Baker came forward and accepted the chair. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace," and Bro. Patton offered prayer. The organization was completed by electing Bro. S. R Jones as treasurer of association for the ensuing year.

Moderator appointed as committee on Divine Service, the pastor and delegates of Herrick Church.

Invitation was given to visiting brethren to sit in council with us, and the following names of those representing the various denominational interests were enrolled:

Rev. C. F. Tolman, Chicago—Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. W. Harris, Chicago—Secretary of A. B. P. Society.

Rev. H. C. First, Upper Alton—State Missions.

Rev. B. F. Rodman, DuQuoin—District Missions for S. Illinois.

Rev. G. W. Danbury, DuQuoin—State Sunday School Missionary.

Rev. W. P. Throgmorton, DuQuoin—"The Baptist News."

Rev. J. A. Leavitt, Ewing—Ewing College.

Prof. G. E. Chipman, Upper Alton—Shurtleff College.

Correspondence from sister Associations was called for and the following were enrolled.

Rev. H. C. First—State General Association.

Rev. T. J. Freeman and Abram Milligan—Rehoboth.

Rev. J. R. Stroud—Olney Association.

Moderator appointed following committees:

State Missions—H. C. First, B. F. Rodman and J. R Stroud.

Home Missions—John Mesnard, R. W. Spicer and G. W. Syfert.

Foreign Missions—C. F. Tolman, O. C. Gaston and S. M. White.

A. B. P. S.—G. W. Danbury, J. W Harris and A. H. Hawkins.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Tupper, G. W. Danbury and J. H. Bradley.

Education—J. A. Leavitt, G E. Chipman and G. W. Danbury.

The Associational Mission Board of last year was asked to bring in a report.

Letter from Effingham had now arrived, was read, and names of delegates enrolled.

House moved that a committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Work be appointed, and an amendment was proposed that said committee report for all missionary societies of women. Motion prevailed.

Women's Missions—Sisters Patton, Tupper and Harvey.

Obituaries—W. H. Boone, John Tolliver and W. W. McCollum.

Finance—C. McKnelly, John Landreth and James McNeely.

Letter Digest—H. Hennon, A. Tompson and John Sanders.

Next Session—E. O. King, Ben Buzzard and T. C. Wear.

Messengers appointed to sister associations:

Olney—L. M. Patton and J. F. Baker.

Mt. Erie—J. F. Baker

Rehoboth—G. W. Syfert and J. R. Stroud.

Centralia—R. W. Spicer.

General Association—G. W. Tupper and J. F. Baker.

Other Committees were named as follows:

Resolutions—O. C Gaston, Grace Cohea and Slocum Harvey.

Literature—W. P. Throgmorton, E. Patton and N. B. Owings.

B. Y. P. U.—Slocum Harvey, J. H. Bradley, Iva Thompson and Grace Cohea.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report that, after loooking over the field, we see great need of work to be done. Therefore we recommend a continuance of the work, and that a missionary be put on the field the ensuing year. E. PATTON, N. B. OWINGS, } Com.

Bro. Spicer proposed an amendment to the report recommending

the labors of such Missionary be restricted to destitute points in Associational limits.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Rev. G. W. Tupper would preach at 7:30 P. M.

Announcements were made for the "Baptist News" and "The Bulletin." Then house moved to adjourn till 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Rodman.

FRIDAY EVENING.

House called to order at 7:30, and sermon by Bro. Tupper from Acts 8-19: "Give me also this power." "The power of the Holy Spirit needed for right living and Christian service." Prayer by Bro. Freeman.

Committee on Divine Service announced that the hour of 11:00 A. M., Saturday be given to Bro. First to preach and present cause of State Missions. Moved to adjourn till 9:00 A. M., Saturday. Benediction by Bro. Leavitt.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association was called to order by Moderator at 9:00 A. M., and prayer was offered by Bro. Tolman. Bro. Danbury read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

The Committee would report the following:

Schools reported last year,.....	17	This year,.....	17
Officers and Teachers last year,	132	This year,.....	142
Scholars, last year,.....	898	This year,.....	1,040
Average Attendance, last year,	677	This year,.....	737

We would recommend the same general plan of work as last year, and in addition to the three Sunday School Institutes, that there be held an Associational Convention on Thursday 3:00 P. M. before the meetingof the next Association.

We would also recommend that during the present session the messengers be given an opportunity to say how much their Sunday Schools will try to raise this year for the state work.

G. W. DANBURY,
G. W. TUPPER, } Com.
J. H. BRADLEY,

The report was received, and pledges taken for the State Sunday School Work.

On motion of the house, Bros. Danbury, Boone and Jones were appointed to select committeeman and places for the three Sunday School Institutes.

Bro. Patton reported a discrepancy in the financial report of the Mission Board and it was moved that an auditing committee be ap-

pointed to adjust the matter. Moderator named the following brethren Auditing Committee: N. B. Owings, S. R. Jones and S. J. Carlock.

Bro. Boone then read the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

Dear Brethren:—We are called upon to mourn the loss of eighteen of our beloved brethren and sisters who have, since our last meeting, crossed over the Jordan of Death into the rest prepared for the people of God. Some of them were deacons and others prominent members who will be missed not only in our Churches and homes, but in our annual gatherings. Yet we can feel that our loss is their gain, and that sooner or later we will join them over there. "Let us labor to enter into that rest."

W. H. BOONE,
JOHN TOLLIVER,
W. W. MCCOLLUM, } Com.

Committee on next session made report which, being incomplete, was referred to committee.

Bro. Tolman then read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Committee on Foreign Missions would report:

I. Be it resolved that we owe it to him who hath redeemed us by his blood to pray for and contribute to this work.

II. We urge every pastor to present the claims of world-wide evangelization and to adopt some plan to secure an offering for Foreign Missions before our next annual meeting.

III. We believe that every Christian is a steward, and it is required in a steward to be found faithful, we commend the stewardship pledge adopted at the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. A.

IV. We urge all to take and read "The Kingdom," costing only five cents a year in clubs of twenty.

The Lord help us to attend to this subject.

C. F. TOLMAN,
O. C. GASTON,
S. M. WHITE, } Com.

Report was discussed and received as read.

Bro. H. C. First, being called for, read the

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS:

Your Committee are most profoundly convinced that the planting and maintaining of Baptist Churches in the state of Illinois is not only our imperative duty, but the only successful method of reaching all with the Gospel. We therefore commend the work of the Baptist General Association which has for more than fifty years prosecuted Missionary work in this line.

During these years more than fifteen thousand persons have been

baptized by our missionaries, and more than four hundred Churches organized. This year fifty men have been under appointment. To close the year free of debt more than $5,000 will be needed by the first of October. We therefore urge all the Churches who have not already taken the annual collection to do so, and as liberally as possible, before the first of October next.

H. C. First,
B. F. Rodman, } Com.
J. R. Stroud,

At 11 o'clock Bro. First preached from Rom. 3-23. "For all have sinned and came short of the Glory of God." At the close a collection was taken for the State Work, resulting in $8.04 cash and pledges.

House moved to adjourn till 2:00 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Throgmorton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

House called to order at 2:00 P. M., and prayer was offered by Bro. Harris. On the call of the Moderator, Bro. Spicer read the following

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS:

Whereas, The Home Mission Society has accomplished so marvelous a work in the past, and thereby demonstrating the fact that the blessing of God has attended the efforts, and the means it has used, for the spread of the Gospel and saving the lost; be it

Resolved, That this department of our work be heartily endorsed, and that we as pastors and delegates pledge ourselves to urge and assist the Churches in taking annual collection to support this vast and important work.

R. W. Spicer,
G. W. Syfert, } Com.
J. S. Mesnard,

Moderator called for the report of committee on the A. B. P. Society, and Bro Danbury came forward and read the following

REPORT OF A. B. P. SOCIETY.

This Society, with less than $70,000 contributed to its benevolent department, has during the past year supported eighty-six missionaries the full time.

The work of the Society is divided into three departments; Sunday School Missions, Colporteur and Chapel Car Work. We believe that every Church and Sunday School should take annual collections for the Missionary department of this Society, and that we hereby express our gratitude to said Society for their gift of $1,500 to our State Sunday School work.

G. W. Danbury,
A. H. Hawkins, } Com.
J. W. Harris.

Letter from Flora Church was brought in and read. The com-

mittee on Sunday School Institutes recommended the following times and places:

Officers: 1st District, S. R. Jones, Louisville. 2nd, G. W. Tupper, Effingham. 3rd, W. H. Boone, Beecher.

Institutes: 1st, Louisville, Friday before 3rd Sunday in February, '97. 2nd, at Jackson Township, Friday before 1st Sunday in April, '97. 3rd, at Greenland, Friday before 4th Sunday in December, '96. Report adopted.

Bro. Leavitt read the report of Committee

ON EDUCATION:

Shurtleff College has had an attendance of fifty seven students the past year, of whom twenty-two have in view the ministerial work. The Academy one hundred and thirty-one students, seventeen of whom have decided to go into special Christian work. During the year the young men have maintained a morning prayer meeting, and the young women the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting, while the joint prayer meetings of Tuesday evenings have been a special feature in the life of the school. The total attendance has been two hundred and eleven. The prospects for next year are good.

Ewing College has had the most prosperous year in the history of the institution. The attendance has been the greatest for years, and the religious spirit excellent. The number of ministerial students eighteen. Many of these rendered the cause valuable service One reported fifty-three conversions in one quarter. Notwithstanding the hard times, we have been able to complete Willard Hall, and erect a Ladies Cottage. We are now prepared to offer students excellent accommodations at very small cost.

Creal Springs College has had a prosperous year. An attendance of one hundred and fifty-two. Good religious interest, and buildings enlarged.

J. A. LEAVITT,
G. W. DANBURY. } Com.
G. E. CHIPMAN,

This report was discussed at some length by the members of Committee, and last by Bro. Throgmorton, who is President of Educational Society of Ewing College, and who took subscriptions to this work of $27 00 which list was afterward raised to $30.00.

The Committee on next session recommended the time of meeting to be one month later, but an amendment was proposed that the word September be stricken out and August be inserted in its place. The report, when adopted, recommended the following:

Place—First Baptist Church of Effingham. Time—Friday, before 3rd Sunday in Aug. '97. Introductory Preacher—Rev. R. W. Spicer, with S. J. Carlock, alternate.

BEN BUZZARD,
T. C. WEAR, } Com.
E. O. KING,

At call of the Moderator, Bro. Throgmorton read the

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:

We find that the reading of good, religious literature is much neglected in the families connected with our Churches. This fact is to be deplored, and our pastors should constantly strive for a better condition of things. We commend our denominational publications in general, and bespeak for them the patronage of the Baptist people. Specially do we commend to the brethren and sisters of our Churches "The Baptist News," published at DuQuoin, Ill. We urge all to take and read it, and request our pastors to make frequent reports of their work through its columns

E. PATTON,
W. P. THROGMORTON, } Com.
N. B. OWINGS,

After some discussion by members of Committee and Bro. Tolman, the report was adopted.

The Committee brought in some resolutions which were read, discussed and adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS:

I. MISSIONS: Resolved, That we heartily endorse the great work being carried on by our various Mission Boards.

II. TEMPERANCE: Resolved, That every member of the Baptist Church should endeavor to bring the full force of the Church as an organization to bear in supressing the sale of intoxicating liquors.

III. BAPTIST HOSPITAL: Believing that Christianity requires us to care for the physical as well as the spiritual wants of man, we cordially recommend to the patronage of the public our Baptist Hospital at St. Louis.

IV. MISSION BOARD: Resolved, That this body appoint a Missionary Board of five members, authorized to employ missionary labor among the destitute places in our Association.

V. OFFERINGS: Believing that no pastor does his duty as such unless he presents to his church the cause of missions; be it

Resolved, That the months of January and February be devoted to Foreign Missions, March and April to Home Missions, May and June to A. B. P. Society work, July and August to State Missions, September and October to Associational Missions, and November and December to the State Sunday School work.

VI. JUNIOR WORK: Whereas, We have but one Junior Baptist Union in our Association; and

Whereas, We believe this work is very important; be it

Resolved, That more attention be given to organizing and instructing the Juniors.

VII. CHICAGO UNIVERSITY, ETC.: Whereas, The University, as represented by its President, Dr. Harper, teaches contrary to the faith

of our denomination as to the word of God; and

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as represented by Dr. Whitsitt, stands as having besmirched our denominational history; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that the patronage and support of our people be withheld from these two institutions until these grevious mistakes be corrected.

VIII. Resolved, That the thanks of the ministers, messengers and visitors of this Association are due, and are hereby extended to the members of Herrick Church and town for their generous hospitality during the present session of this body.

O. C. GASTON,
GRACE COHEA,
SLOCUM HARVEY, } Com.

Bro. Jones made report as treasurer that he had received $18.00 for printing minutes. House moved that the clerk be authorized to receive funds, and to superintend printing of the minutes.

Digest of letters called for and read by Bro. Tupper, and on motion was adopted as read.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

1. BLUE POINT—Rev. S. J. Carlock, one-fourth time; usual prosperity; good Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.; eight additions; lost, four by death.

2. EFFINGHAM—Rev. G. W. Tupper, pastor, full time; thirty-eight additions; good Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School; asks for Association next year.

3. FARINA—Rev. R. W. Spicer, one-fourth time; spiritually encouraged; have good prayer meeting and Sunday School; trying to build a house.

4. FLORA—Rev. W. B. Lile, one-fourth time, resigns August 31; no visible progress; no church building yet; forty in B. Y. P. U., and good Sunday School.

5. GREENLAND—Rev. J. R. Stroud, one-fourth time; have been discouraged, but prospects are brighter; one addition; Sunday School in good condition.

6. HERRICK—Rev. E. Patton, one-fourth time; had four additions; a little short financially, but good Sunday School and weekly prayer meeting.

7. IOLA—Rev. E. Patton, one-fourth time; house nearing completion; Church working faithfully.

8. JACKSON TOWNSHIP—Rev. J. R. Stroud, one-fourth time; not as prosperous as desired; need more consecration; have good Sunday School.

9. SECOND LITTLE PRAIRIE—Rev. J. F. Baker, one-fourth time; good Sunday School.

10. LOUISVILLE—Rev. S. J. Carlock, half time; three additions, and Sunday School.

11. MEACHAM—Rev. S. M. Wilson, one-fourth time, and Sunday School; are in cold and luke-warm condition.

12. MT. PLEASANT—Rev. J. H. Jones, one-fourth time; spiritual condition not satisfactory, but working and hoping.

13. NEW ZION—Rev. J. R. Stroud, one-fourth time; no Church house, but expect to build soon, have good Sunday School

14. PLEASANT HILL—Rev. R. W. Spicer, one-fourth time, with reasonable degree of prosperity and Sunday School.

15. RAMSEY—No pastor; had meeting conducted by Elder J. F. Baker, and had one addition to the Church.

16. WABASH—Rev. E. Patton, one-fourth time; building house; Church in good spirit; good congregation; prayer meeting and Sunday School.

17. XENIA—Rev. A. F. Griffith, one-fourth time; have good prayer meeting and Sunday School, with a fair interest.

G. W. TUPPER,
H. HENNON,
JOHN SANDERS,
ARTHUR TOMPSON, } Com.

At the call of the Moderator, Sister Harvey read the

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONS.

We have remodeled our report from Home Missions to include all missionary work, and recommend that the Churches in this Association organize a Women's Mission Society as an aid to Associational, State, Home and Foreign Mission work. We urge that the sisters will take up this movement and carry it on with the view of rendering some help during the Associational year.

L. M. PATTON,
JENNIE TUPPER,
LIDA HARVEY, } Com.

After discussion of report, and statement of the work by Sister Patton, it was received.

Committee on Divine Services made announcements:

Rev. J. W. Harris, preach at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. G. W. Danbury, conduct Sunday School at 10 A. M. Sunday.

Rev. W. P. Throgmorton, preach at 11 A. M. Sunday in the grove.

The Committee on Executive Board for ensuing year recommended the following names: S. J. Carlock, G. W. Tupper, L. A. Edwards, C. C. Smith and Ben Buzzard.

The recommendation was accepted, and Clerk moved that Bro. S. R. Jones be added to the board as treasurer.

Bro. Harvey then read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION:

We find from the letters that, although five unions reported last

year, only three now report active unions, and one junior. No new ones have been added to last year's list. We recommend that a two-hours' session be held from 2 to 4 P. M. Sunday, for which we have the following program. (See minutes of B. P. Y. U. meeting, page 11). We recommend the following list of officers for next year: President, Rev. S. J. Carlock; Vice President, Rev. G. W. Tupper; Second Vice President, J. S. Mesnard; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lida Harvey.

SLOCUM HARVEY,
J H. BRADLEY,
IVA TOMPSON,
GRACE COHEA, } Com.

House moved to accept report and devote the time mentioned to the program.

On motion adjourned till 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Tolman.

SATURDAY EVENING.

House called to order at 7:50, and after reading of 1st Psalm and prayer by Bro. Leavitt, sermon by Bro. Harris from Eph. 1-13. "The Gospel of your Salvation."

Report of Auditing Committee called for and read by clerk, showing amount paid to Missionary for year, $296.46. House voted that the deficit $3 54 be drawn from treasurer to make up the salary of missionary to $300.00.

Moderator appointed Educational Committee for the year: J A. Leavitt, E. Patton and G. E. Chipman.

Moved to adjourn till 9:30 A. M., Sunday. Closing prayer by the clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING.

House called to order at 9:30. Reading and prayer by Bro. Danbury.

Moved to reconsider the amendment in report of Mission Board. Discussed by Bros. Danbury and Patton. House proceeded to reconsider amendment and Bro. Patton proposed a resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That it is the wish of this body that all reports and resolutions fettering the hands of the Mission Board is hereby rescinded, and leaving the work to the wise council of the board, giving this note of warning only, avoid a debt at the next meeting of this body. Resolution adopted.

At 10:00 o'clock Bro. Danbury conducted Sunday School Mass meeting on the lesson 32nd Psalm. Collection taken State Work $2.67. Sermon at 11:00 A. M. by Bro. Throgmorton from John 3-2. "Beloved, now are we sons of God." The Christian's title and relation.

Bro. Danbury was called upon to ask for pledges from churches and messengers for missionary work in the Association. It was agreed to raise $200. The following names were taken:

Effingham	$10.00	S. J. Carlock	$5.00
Greenland	10.00	Blue Point B. Y. P. U.	3.00
Herrick	10.00	Iola	3.00
Louisville	10.00	J. L. Phillips	3.00
S. R. Jones	10.00	W. Blankenship	2.50
N. B. Owings	10.00	New Zion Church	2.00
Jackson Township	5.00	Ramsey	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	5.00	Grace Cohea	2.00
J. R. Stroud	5.00	Lida Harvey	2.00
J. F. Baker	5.00	H. Hennon	1.00
Slocum Harvey	5.00	G. W. Syfert	1.00
Ben Buzzard	5.00		

A Committeeman from each church was appointed by clerk to solicit subsriptions to make up list of $200.00.

Moved to adjourn to 2:15 P. M. Dinner in grove.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Program of B. Y. P. U. rendered as follows:

2:15. Song service.

2:30. Address by President.

2:40. Business Meeting—Secretary read minuter of the meetings since last report. Letters were read from Blue Point, Effingham and Flora unions.

Union voted to hold Conventions in connection with the Sunday School Institutes to be held at Louisville, Greenland and Jackson Township: and agreed to prepare program for one afternoon. Union voted to appoint Grace Cohea as Junior Leader.

3:10. Address by Bro. Danbury: "Increasing the Interest."

3:25. Address by Bro. Tolman: "In the Training School."

3:40. Address by Prof Chipman: "Plan for the Year's Work."

Moved to adjourn to meet with Greenland Saturday before the 4th Sunday in December, '96.

S. J. CARLOCK, President.

REV. G. W. TUPPER, First Vice President.

J. S. MESNARD, Second Vice President.

LIDA HARVEY, Secretary.

Association adjourned to meet with First Baptist Church of Effingham, Friday before 3rd Sunday in August, '97 at 10:00 A. M.

Congregation sang "God be with you till we meet again," and gave the parting hand. Benediction by Bro. Tolman.

Bro. Tolman appointed to preach at 8:00, P. M.

REV. J. F. BAKER, Moderator.

REV. S. J. CARLOCK, Clerk.

S. R. JONES, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL LIST:

Name.	Address.	Name.	Address.
Ammerman, A. J.	Xenia, Ill.	Patton, E.	Iola, Ill.
Baker, J. F.	Dresser. Ill.	Reed, J. W.	Newton, Ill.
Carlock, S. J.	Ewing College.	Smock, J. B.	
Griffith, A. F.	Louisville, Ill.	Stroud, J. R.	Louisville. Ill.
Hollen, F.	Riffle, Ill.	Spicer, R. W.	Farina, Ill.
Jones, J. H.	Coffeen, Ill.	Tupper, G. W.	Effingham, Ill.
Lile, W. B.	Olney, Ill.	Wilson, S. M.	Dix, Ill.

OTHER MINISTERS:

Name.	Address.	Name.	Address.
Elkin, I. H.	Iola, Ill.	Monroe, W. C.	Flora, Ill.
Lively, W. B.	Beecher City, Ill.	Spriggs, W. T. S.	Ewing, Ill.

LICENTIATES:

Name	Address.	Name.	Address.
Boone, W. H.	Beecher City, Ill.	Mesnard, James	Oscar, Ill.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Rev. G. W. Tupper, President.	Deacon S. R. Jones, Treasurer
Rev. S. J. Carlock, Secretary.	C. C. Smth.
Ben Buzzard.	L. A. Edwards.

CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME OF CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	ROLL OF MESSENGERS.
Blue Point	S. J. Carlock	Julia B. Kelley	Shumway, Ill	S. J Carlock, Pearl and Mina Wheeler, Slocum and Lida Harvey, and Louisa Francis.
Dieterich	J W Reed.	W. N Bridges	Dieterich, Ill	No report.
Effingham	G. W. Tupper	W. P. Surrells	Effingham, Ill	G. W. and Jennie Tupper, John Bradley and wife, Grace. Lillie and Lucy Cohea.
Farina	R. W Spicer.	E E. Downing	Farina, Ill	R. W. Spicer and N. E. Stephens.
Flora	W B Lile	M. T Snyder	Flora, Ill	By Letter.
Greenland	J. R. Stroud	Henry Taylor	Beecher City, Ill,	Ben Buzzard, J. L. Phillips and W. H. Boone.
Herrick	E. Patton	Estella Henderson	Herrick; Ill	E. O. King, N. B. Owings, J. S. Burrus.
Iola	E. Patton	L M. Patton.	Iola, Ill	E. and L. M. Patton, John and Belle Sanders.
Jackson Township	J. R. Stroud	C C. Smith	Altamont, Ill	J. S. Mesnard, J. A. White. Ida Riley and Rose Ballard.
*Flrst Little Prairie				
Second Little Prairie.	J. F. Baker	John Tolliver	Louisville, Ill	J. F. Baker, John Tolliver and C. McKnelly.
Louisville	S. J. Carlock	James Cogswell	Louisville, Ill	S. R. Jones and O. C. Gaston.
Mason	R. W. Spicer.	A. Short	Mason Ill	No report.
Meacham	S. M. Wilson	D. Courson.	Farina, Ill.	George W. Mulvaney.
Mt. Pleasant	J. H Jones	H. Hannon.	Ramsey, Ill	J G. Jones. Walter S Blankenship, Mary E. and T. C. Wear and S M. Hennon.
New Zion	J R. Stroud	S. W. White.	Watson, Ill	S. M. White and Wm. White.
Pleasant Hill.	R. W. Spicer.	T J Bible.	Louisville, Ill	W. W. McCollum
Ramsey		G. W. Syfert.	Ramsey Ill	G W. Syfert
*Stewardson.				
Wabash	E Patton	M. Colclasure	Riffle, Ill.	Henry Landreth and Elisha Golden.
Xenia	A. F Griffith	J R Bryan	Xenia, Ill	Letter.

Churches represented 17. Pastors, 11. Messengers enrolled, 50. * No report.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the Churches of the Louisville Regular Baptist Association for the Meeting of August, 1896.

NAME OF CHURCH.	MEMBERSHIP.										EXPENSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.						VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.
	INCREASE.					DECREASE.				PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.	Pastor's Salary	Printing Fund	Improvements, Etc.	Total Church Expenses.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	A. B. P. S.	Total Contributions.	
	Baptism	Letter	Restored	Relation	Total Increase	Letter	Death	Exclusion	Delinquent	Total Decrease											
Blue Point	3	3		4	40	2	4		6	80	$ 120 00	$ 1 75	$ 150 00	$ 271 63	$ 23 60	$	$ 3 25	$ 2 50	$	$ 28 75	$ 2,000 00
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Effingham	26	7		5	38	7	3	12	22	130	525 00	1 80	487 27	1,024 27	18 00	11 30	7 25	5 14		41 89	2,250 00
Farina	1	5		4	10					16		50		20 00							
Flora	1	1		1	3	5		1	6	118	200 00	1 67	35 00	240 00	4 50					5 00	300 00
Greenland		1			1	2	1	3	6	58	110 00	1 50			9 25	4 76	1 50	1 87		17 38	1,000 00
Herrick	1	3			4	2	1		3	35	120 00	75	67 50	188 50	10 00	3 0			85	13 85	1,200 00
Iola	2				2		1		3	12		1 00	1.400 00	1,400 00	12 00					12 00	1,500 00
Jackson Township	5		1		6	2	5	4		109	100 00	1 25				5 52	2 25		2 00	10 00	600 00
Second Little Prairie	6	7	2		15	1		11		160	75 00	1 75	25 75	102 50	14 78	8 03	2 12		2 00	32 30	800 00
Louisville	3		1		4	4		1		100	240 00	1 50	28 50	270 00	13 50		3 75	3 45	1 60	22 25	2,000 00
Mason										†27	†50 00										
*Meacham								1	1	30	75 00	50		25 00							600 00
Mt. Pleasant		1			1	3	1	1	5	62	100 00	1 25		120 00	9 45					15 00	800 00
New Zion	3	1			4		1		1	27	100 00	75				16 00	1 88			17 88	
Pleasant Hill	6				6	1	1		2	67	85 00	1 25		93 00	10 00		1 20			11 20	600 00
Ramsey	1				1			1	1	12		25								3 00	
Wabash		4			4			3	3	32	50 00	1 60	175 00	200 00	10 00					10 00	500 00
Xenia	5				5	1			1	56	200 00				5 00	2 56		1 60		8 00	2,500 00
Total	63	33	4	14	114	30	18	38	3	89	1,149	$2,050 00	$17 62	$2,369 02	$3,955 00	$140 43	$51 37	$23 20	$15 56	$6 45	$248 40	$17,050 00

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ARTICLE 1. This body shall be styled the Louisville Regular Baptist Association, and shall consist of Regular Baptist churches, represented by Letter and Messenger, convened according to appointment.

ART. II. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by this body.

ART. III. This Association may act as an Advisory Council upon such matters as the churches may present from time to time (if she deem it expedient). It may recommend and adopt such measures as may be thought best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the Churches and advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, but no act of this body shall be binding upon the Churches.

ART. IV. Churches may be received into this body upon application by Letter and Messenger if sound in Faith and practice, and dismissed upon application by letter, and any Church disorderly in practice, contentious or unsound in Faith, may be excluded at the discretion of the Association.

ART. V. At any time when this Body may deem it expedient she may appoint an Executive Board to superintend the general interests of the denomination throughout the bounds of this Association, together with such rules and regulations for the government of same as she may deem proper.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this Body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present concurring therein, provided a notice shall have been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The Moderator shall preside over this Body during its session, and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall preserve order, and may speak on any question by calling a member to the chair, and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

ART. II. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association and may have an assistant to read letters, documents, etc.

ART III. The Treasurer shall take charge of all money and property belonging to the Association, and pay out the same when ordered by the Body, and report when required.

ART. IV. The officers of one session shall serve until their successors are duly elected.

ART. V. A committee on Divine Services shall be appointed at the commencement of the session to arrange the religious exercises.

ART. VI. An annual sermon shall be delivered at the opening of

the session by some Minister previously appointed unless the Association other wise directs.

ART. VII Churches shall report their condition and the prospect of the cause around them by letter, and designate their messengers.

ART. VIII. Brethern from other bodies with whom we are in fellowship shall be received as visitors or correspondents.

ART. IX. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject nor longer than ten minutes without leave; and, when speaking, shall arise and address the Moderator, using decorous and Christian language.

ART. X. No persen shall absent himself during the session of the Association without leave, and any member who may violate the rules of the Association shall be reprimanded or suspended, as the Association may deem best.

ART XI. The Association may appoint a Brother to write a circular letter on some particular subject of interest to the Churches, and present it at the next session.

ART XII The Association may order committees to be appointed on different subjects.

ART XIII. In transacting business this Association agrees to be governed by parliamantary rules.

ART XIV These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

ART. XV. Any Baptist minister acting as pastor in this Association may be sent as a delegate to the Association by one of the Churches with whom he labors, and, if so, is entitled to the rights and privileges of a resident member

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

TIME—Tuesday before the Third Sunday in August.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Calling Association together, reading of letters.
3. Election of officers
4. Appointment of Committee on Divine Services.
5. Visiting Brethern invited to seats in Council.
6. Opportunity for membership of new Churches.
7. Correspondence called for.
8. Appointing committees.
9. Reports of Committees:

(1) Associational Missions.
(2) Sunday School and A. B. P. Society.
(3) Digest of Letters.
(4) Resolution.
(5) Obituaries
(6) Next session Place. Time. Preacher.
(7) Baptist Young People's Union.
(8) State Missions.
(9) Home Missons.
(10) Foreign Missions.
(11) Woman's Home and Foreign Missions.
(12) Religious Literature.
(13) Educational.
(14) Miscellaneous
(15) Treasurer's report.

MINUTES

OF THE

Louisville Regular Baptist Association

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

House called to order by Moderator Elder J. C. Myers, and the congregation joined in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee," after which the Clerk being absent, the Moderator appointed Elder W. H. Boone Clerk pro tem.

Elder E. P. Brand read scripture lesson from the 12th chapter of John and Elder H. A. Belton preached the introductory sermon, text John 12: 44-45; theme "What Knowledge Have You of the Eternal Through Christ" Prayer by Brother Fulmer. After close of sermon congregation joined in singing " 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and a general hand shake.

Moderator called for letters from the Churches.

Brothers Griffith and Fulmer were asked to read the letters.

The following churches responded when called: Blue Point, Dieterich, Effingham, Flora, Greenland, Iola, Jackson Township, Second Little Prairie, Louisville, Meacham, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Plains. New Zion, Ramsey, Wabash, Xenia, Pleasant Hill.

At the conclusion of the reading of the letters the Moderator appointed Brother Fulmer to take the vote for Moderator and Brother Griffith to take the vote for Clerk. The roll of churches was called and messengers voted resulting in the election of Elder J. C. Myers, Moderator, and Elder W. H. Boone, Clerk.

On motion the election of these brethren was made unanimous, and organization was completed by electing Brother S. R. Jones Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Moderator then appointed the committee on divine service which consisted of the pastor and messengers of Dieterich church.

Invitation was then given to visiting brethren to a seat in council with us, and the following names of those representing the various denominational interests were enrolled:

Elder E. P. Brand—State Missions.
Elder S. C. Fulmer—Home Missions.
Elder A. C. Darrow—Foreign Missions.
Elder T. M. Griffith—"The Standard."
Elder C. H. Ferrell—"American Baptist Flag."
Elder F. J. Freeman—Rehoboth Association.
Elder J. W. Reed—Olney Association.
Mrs. J. W. Reed—Woman's Work Olney Association.
Elder R. F. Killgore—Pastor Olney Church.
Sister Hattie Everetts, Sister L. F. Ergenzinger } Woman's Home and Foreign Missions.
Elder V. Colbert—Centralia Association.
Elder D. H. Drake—Returned Missionary from the Filugu Field.
Elder Thos. Brown—Olney Association.
Elder J. R. Stroud—Salem South Association.
Elder G. W. Danbury—Publication Society.
U. G. Spriggs—Olney Association.
Elder N. H. Manary—Pimento, Indiana.
Elders W. P. Throgmorton and Couch—"Central Baptist."

On motion we adjourned to 7:45 p. m.

The committee on divine service report that Bros. Fulmer and Stroud would occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church and Bros. Killgore and Boone the pulpit at Union church.

Dismissed by Elder Patton.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Service opened by singing "What Can Wash Away My Sin," and prayer by Bro. Darrow. Song, "The Great Physician." Scriptural lesson CXVI Psalm and prayer be Elder W. H. Boone. Song, "Happy Day," after which Elder R. F. Killgore preached from Psalm 116:12 and Rom. 12:1. Theme, "Living Sacrifices." Solo, "Looking This Way," by Elder H. A. Belton.

At this time opportunity for membership of new churches was given.

Correspondence from sister associations was called for and the following responses made:

Bro. J. W. Reed and wife, Elder Thomas Brown, U. G, Spriggs and Elder R. F. Killgore—Olney Association.
Elder F. J. Ereeman—Rehoboth Association.
Elder J. R. Stroud—Salem South Association.
Elder V. Colbert—Centralia Association.

Moderator then proceeded to announce the several committees:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—Elder E. Patton, G. D. Gloyd and J. S. Mesnard.

S. S. AND A. B. PUBLICATION SOCIETY—Elder G. W. Danbury, S. R. Jones, Hugh Hord and Lizzie Francis.

RESOLUTIONS—Elder W. A. Cannon, S. M. White, J. R. Bryan and J. W. Reed.

DIGEST OF LETTERS—Elders H. A. Belton, C. H. Ferrell, R. F. Killgore and Bro. L. A. Edwards.

OBITUARIES—Elder F. J. Freeman, J. W. Sullivan, J. C. Speaks and A. J. Allen.

NEXT SESSION, TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER—Elder T. M. Griffith, Sisters Rachel Sullivan, A. G. Davis and W. A. Barnes.

B. Y. P. U.—Sisters Grace Cohea, Josie Gloyd, Ethel Krapp and Loy.

STATE MISSIONS—Elder E. P. Brand, H. L. Fields, Maude Boone and Mollie Huss.

HOME MISSIONS—Elder S. C. Fulmer, Clark Fields, and Sisters Monroe and Phillips.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder A. C. Darrow, Maggie Hubbartt, Ida Riley, A. J. Davis and A. Hutton.

EDUCATION—Elders J. R. Stroud, D. H. Drake, G. W. Mulvaney and Dr. J. A. Leavitt.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—Sisters Hattie Everts, Jones, Hennon and May Wear.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Elder V. Colbert, David Courson, Clark Fields, James Larimore and Elder W. P. Throgmorton.

After the appointment of committees, Committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. Colbert would lead devotional exercises at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and that Bro. Brand would preach at 11 a m.

On motion adjourned to meet at 8:30 Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Session opened by singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Scripture lesson read by Bro. Drake and prayer by Bro. Stroud; devotional led by Bro. Colbert.

At 9:30 a. m. the business of the session was resumed. The report of Associational Missions was called for and report was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report the following: That this Association appoint a Mission Board for the ensuing year, and we recommend for that board Elders C. H. Ferrell, W. H. Boone and J. S. Mesnard. We further recommend, that life memberships be taken for this purpose during the sittings of this body. Especially do we recommend that at least one person,

the best and greatest hustler, in each church be appointed to canvass their church for associational missions; seeing every member and get every member to pledge something for the work, and that these persons report to J. C. Myers by September 1, 1902, and if any church fails to carry out this part of this report, when their pastor makes them the first visit thereafter, it shall be his duty to see that it is attended to.

Furthermore; That this money be paid in September, October and November, and all by the 1st of December, 1902.

Furthermore; That this association accept the pledges sent in, but this does not excuse them from the thorough canvass of the church.

We further recommend that each and every pledge be made unconditional—no provisos in it—turn it all over to the board, and put the money in their hands for the work.

ELDER E. PATTON,
ELDER J. S. MESNARD,
G. D. GLOYD, } Com.

Report was discussed by Elders Patton, Griffith and others.

On motion, Elder G. W. Danbury was asked to take life membership pledges, and the following were taken:

H. A. Belton, J. C. Myers, C. H. Ferrell, W. H. Boone, Perry Surrells, Adam Hutton, W. S. Blankenship, 1 year; J. S. Mesnard, J. R. Bryan, May Wear, Ladies Aid of Louisville Church in the name of Sister S. R. Jones, G. D Gloyd; Ladies Aid of Effingham Church in the name of Sisters Elbo, Ethel Krapp and Lulu Cohea; U. G. Spriggs, Nelson Fields, S. R. Jones, E. Patton and Sam Fields.

There was then a motion made that each church be requested to appoint a solicitor and collector for associational missions. Carried.

At 11 a. m., hour for preaching, services opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus;" prayer by Bro. Throgmorton; sermon by Bro. Brand, text Isa. 40:31, theme "Confidence in God."

At the close of the sermon the committee on divine service announced that Bros Danbury and Fulmer would occupy the pulpit at 8:00 p. m. After singing "What a Fellowship," we adjourned to meet 2:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened by singing "There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus," and prayer by Bro. Mesnard. After which the report of the treasurer of the mission board for the year 1902 was read and adopted as follows:

The treasurer of the Louisville Association begs leave to submit the following report:

Received, Nov. 11, Pleasant Plains church.....$2.00
From N. B. Owing for Herrick church..... 5.00

From Pleasant Plains church.....$2.00

Total.....$9.00
November 11, Paid to Missionary.....$7.00
December 23, Paid to Missionary..... 2.00

Total paid out.....$9.00

Respectfully submitted, WM. H. McCOSH, Treas.

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Report of auditing committee called for and the following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee, find that there was, according to the days of work done, due the Missionary $108, and also find that he has received $121.83, leaving a balance due the Association of $13.83.

E. PATTON, H. A. BELTON, } Com.

The report of the Missionary was then read and adopted as follows:

Your Missionary would report the following:

Days labored.....81
Sermons preached.....59
Funerals attended..... 4
Prayermeetings attended.....33
Homes visited..... .50
Additions to the church { By letter..... 1 By baptism ...13 By restoration 1

Total.....15

Have preached at the following places in the association: Ramsey, Herrick, Greenland, Pleasant Plains, Blue Point, Jackson Township, New Zion, Iola, Meacham and Hogge school house; I also visited Effingham and St. Elmo, but at neither place were things favorable for a meeting.

Amount received from churches, individuals and the board.....$121.83
Amount due for work..... 108.00

Overpaid.....$ 13 83

Respecfully submitted, W. H. BOONE, Missionary.

Bro. Griffith then made a motion that the association donate to the missionary the balance he had collected, $13 83, and the motion prevailed.

REPORT OF S. S. AND A. B. P. S.

Bro. Danbury then read the report of committee on Sunday School and Publication Society. Report was adopted af follows:

The American Baptist Publication Society has been intensely missionary from its organization. One hundred and twenty-four

missionaries and workers were employed last year, 20,554 sermons were preached, 780 persons baptized, 37 churches constituted and 546 Sunday Schools organized.

In Illinois there have been two Sunday School Missionaries for the past twelve years. The work done by these men cannot be known until the day when Christ shall come to reward every man according to his works.

We recommend that each Church and Sunday School, in this Association, make liberal contributions to the missionary department of this society, and that September and October be the time for these collections.

We recommend the continuance of our Associational Sunday School Institute work—1st district institute with Little Prairie, Friday before the the 1st Sunday in December; 2nd district with Greenland, Friday before the 2nd Sunday in March; 3rd district with Blue Point, Friday before the 1st Sunday in June. We urge all our pastors and Sunday School workers to announce and attend these meetings.

We recommend as officers, 1st district, S. R. Jones, of Louisville; 2nd district, W. H. Boone, of Beecher City; 3rd district, W. P. Surrells, of Effingham.

G. W. DANBURY,
HUGH HORD,
S R. JONES,
LIZZIE FRANCIS, } Com.

Discussed by Bro. Danbury.

DIGEST OE LETTERS.

Report of committee on Digest of Letters called for and the following report was read by Bro. Belton and adopted.

We, your committee on Digest of Letters, respectfully submit the following:

Blue Point—Not so prosperous as would like but hope for better things. No pastor.

Dieterich—Thankful for many benefits received. Prospects bright. W. A. Cannon, Pastor.

Effihgham—Holding forth the word of life; thankful for mercies received.

Flora—Church in a most flattering state. Good prayer meetings, well ateended. Sabbath School gaining. B. Y. P. U , though suspended at present, prospects good for good work from that source this fall and winter. H. A. Belton, pastor, a man of God and a preacher of Christ.

Greenland—No pastor. Sunday School continuous. Suffered loss in death.

Iola—Evergreen Sunday School, good attendance. E. L. Carr, pastor.

Jackson Township—Good Sunday School and weekly prayer meeting. Suffered loss by death of three members. J. C. Myers, pastor.

Second Little Prairie—No pastor. Evergreen Sunday School.

Louisville—Have pastor half time, work progressing, prospects for great things flattering. Men of worth are thinking seriously of their soul's salvation. From present environment it seems that Louisville is looking through Baptist eyes.

Mount Pleasant—Pastor of exceeding worth, preaches the simple gospel of Christ; some have heard and been saved and it is fully believed that others are greatly impressed, and in due season we expect to reap if we faint not.

Pleasant Plains—As heretofore, and to all people, the Lord has been gracious to us in giving us the good health and strength to carry on the work He has given us to do. We are led by that efficient workman of the Lord, Elder E. Patton, and in the name of the Lord, through his and the combined forces of our church, we anticipate a great future.

Ramsey—Church not as we would be, but we hope to partake of the sincere milk of the work that we may grow thereby:

New Zion—Everything in a prospering condition. Bro. J. C. Myers pastor for one-fourth time. Thirteen accessions by baptism. Sabbath School the year round. The smiles of heaven rest upon all efforts.

Meacham—Prospering spiritually; will soon be in good position to support a pastor. Our Lord is with us. D. J. Mooney, pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Thankful things are as well with us as they are. Pray God's protection over our Baptist Zion. R. D. McKinnis, pastor.

Xenia—Rev. J. C. Myers, pastor, and is much appreciated, because of the gospel truths preached by him and his heretofore success. We are counting on climbing to the top round of usefulness in the name of the Lord.

H. A. BELTON,
R. F. KILGORE,
C. H. FERRELL,
L. A. EDWARDS,
} Com.

OBITUARIES.

Report of obituaries was called for and the following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following: Death has visited us during the past year and claimed twenty of our dear brethren and sisters.

ROLL OF DEATHS.

Blue Point—L. J. Harding, died August 26, 1901; Mary Stirett, died April 14, 1902.

Effingham—Elisha Whittlesy.

Flora—J. O. Burton, died April 21, 1902; Wesley Golden, died

February 4, 1902; A. M. Crown, died January 1, 1902.

Greenland—Samuel Troutman, died January 25, 1902.

Iola—Mrs. Mary Gullett, died August 5, 1902, age 66 years.

Jackson Township—Jane Winters, died March 7, 1902; Clara Shepherd, died January 20, 1902; A. E. Mesnard, died March 20, 1902.

Second Little Prairie—Emma Stacy, Mary Edwards.

Mount Pleasant—Chloe J. Buck, John T. Sturgeon and Thomas Sturgeon.

New Zion—Pheobe White, died January 25, 1902.

Wabash—Nancy Creek, age 82 years, 3 months and 9 days, died July 12, 1902; Benjamin T. Clark, died February 18, 1902, age 76.

Xenia—Edward Griffith, age 67 years.

F. J. FREEMAN,
J. W. SULLIVAN,
J. C. SPEAKS,
A. J. ALLEN,
} Com.

RESOLUTIONS.

Report of Committee on Resolutions called for and the following report was read by Bro. Cannon and adopted:

We, your Committee on Resolution, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. Resolved, that we recommend the Ministers' Home, at Fenton, Mich., and the Baptist Orphans' Home, at Auburn Park, Chicago, as worthy of the support of our Baptist churches.

2nd. That we recommend the work of the Baptist Educational Society of Southern Illinois and ask the aid of our churches in its support.

3rd. That we reaffirm our opposition to the saloon, and declare our sympathy with the Anti-Saloon League.

4th. That we recommend the Wheel Plan to the churches of the Louisville Association, and urge the importance of living up to the resolution.

5th. That the time allowed the B. Y. P. U. work be equally divided with the Sunday School workers.

6th. That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered the members of the Dieterich church and their friends for their generous hospitality to the session of this body.

W. A. CANNON,
J. W. REED,
S. M. WHITE,
JOHN R. BRYAN,
} Com.

At 4:00 p. m. adjourned to at meet 7:30 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. Throgmorton.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At 7:30 devotional was led by Bro. Belton, opened by singing "Revive us Again."

At 8:00 p. m. Bro. S. R. Jones read a petition for Pleasant Hill church praying to be restored to fellowship. The following is the petition:

August 13, 1902.

To the Moderator and Members of the Louisville Association now in session at Dieterich, Illinois:

We do hereby respectfully ask that this body reinstate our sister church, Pleasant Hill, to full fellowship to this body, and that her letter and messenger be received. That they as a church accept R. D. McKinnis' resignation as pastor, and that said church will not use him as pastor or preacher, till he, said McKinnis, has fully redeemed himself to the satisfaction of said Association.

S. R. JONES,
JOHN FLEENER,
T. J. BIBLE.

On motion petition was granted.

The letter from Pleasant Hill called for and read and messengers invited to seat in Council.

After singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by Bro. Fulmer, Bro. Danbury preached a sermon from I Cor. 11:28, subject "The Lord's Supper." At close of sermon Bro. Fulmer made remarks on Home Missions.

After singing "Send The Light," the Committee on Divine Service announced that Bros. Throgmorton and Freeman would occupy the pulpit Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned to 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opened at 8:00 a. m. Devotional led by Elder V. Colbert and at 8:30 business was resumed.

On motion the taking of pledges for Associational Missions was deferred to some future time.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

The Committee on Next Session made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Next Session, Time, Place and Preacher, report as follows:

The Association to meet with Second Little Prairie, on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1903, Elder G. W. Danbury to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. C. Myers be his alternate.

THOMAS GRIFFITH,
RACHEL SULLIVAN
MRS. A. G. DAVIS,
W. A. BARNES,
} Com.

B. Y. P. U.

Committe on B. Y. P. U. made the following report which was adopted:

We, your committee on B. Y. P. U., beg to submit the following report:

Recognizing the need of work along this line we recommend

1st. That an hour be given to this work on Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock p. m.

2nd. That two rallies be held in our association during the coming year, one at Effingham the first Saturday and Sunday in January, and the other at Flora on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in March.

3rd. That our Associational B. Y. P. U. embrace the Junior work in its organization, and Miss Ethel Krapp be made our Junior leader for the coming year.

4th. That the churches encourage the circulation of the Baptist Union among our young people.

5th. We recommend the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. H. Ferrell; Vice President, Walter Bridges; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lulu Cohea.

Respectfully submitted, GRACE COHEA, MRS. G. D. GLOYD, ETHEL KRAPP, } Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

Report of commltte on State Missions was called for and the following report was read and adopted:

The General Association has been carrying on mission work in the State of Illinois fifty-eight years. A large number of the leading churches in the state today have an existance because of the work of State Missions.

The population of the state is growing more rapidly at this time than during any other period of its history, and more rapidly than almost any other portion of the country. This fact of itself makes Illinois a great mission field.

The work of the General Association is three-fold:

1st. The establishment of churches in the populous centers. Aggressive work along this line is being done at such growing centers as Chicago Heights, Clinton, Peoria, Granite City, etc.

2nd. Counry work, especially among pastorless churches. This work is done almost entirely through the labor of District Missionaries. We need more of this kind of workers, those we have have been very successful during the year.

3rd. Secretarial work of the denomination in the state, occupying much of the time of the Superintendent; and besides the many other phases of his work, he has during the past two years secured and added to the meeting house property of the denomination two buildings, well located for work, worth more than $4,000. This was accomplished without any cost to state missions except some of the Secretary's time.

We express our hearty sympathy with State Missions, and urge all our churches to regularly contribute to the work of the General Association during January and February, the time according to the wheel plan.

E. P. BRAND,
MAUDE BOONE,
MOLLIE HUSS,
H. L. FIELDS,
} Com.

On motion the matter of taking life membership pledges was taken up and twenty members subscribed to pay $5.00 per year for five years to sustain Associational Missions. See list on another page.

On motion an offering was taken for Sunday School and Publication Society working amounting to $5 25.

HOME MISSIONS.

Bro. Boone then read the report on Home Missions, which was adopted. The following is the report:

The American Baptist Home Mission Society has for its motto, "North America is for Christ." It carries on three great lines of work, missionary, educational and church building. The society had under its whole or partial support during the past year 1,278 laborers, who did a vast amount of work for God in leading many souls to Christ, strengthening the weak churches, and organizing many new ones. As the society prints and furnishes full and interesting literature on its work, and furnishes it free to the churches simply for the asking. We do not recount the details of the work here. We urge each church to take the best offering possible during the months of November and December and send the same to Rev. S. C. Fulmer, 908 East 15th street, Indianopolis, Ind.

Brethern, do not neglect this, as we want Baptist doctrine preached in all parts of the continent.

S. C. FULMER,
LONA MONROE,
FLO PHILLIPS,
} Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. A. C. Darrow, and adopted as read:

Your committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submit the following:

We most earnestly believe it to be the duty of every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to pray for, and to support the cause of Foreign Missions. We rejoice in the success that has attended the efforts of our missionaries thus far, and believing it to be God's command, "To preach the gospel to every creature." We therefore urge each one to give of their means for the extension of His kingdon, and would recommend that in each church two be chosen to assist the pastor in securing this offering in accordance with the wheel plan. We further

recommend that this offering be taken during the months of May and June.

A. C. DARROW,
A. G. DAVIS,
M. M. HUBBARD, } Com.

Business session closed by singing "The Morning Light is Breaking." At 11:00 a. m prayer by Bro. Colbert and a sermon by Bro. Thorgmorton on "Christian Giving," text Prov. 3:9. At the close of the sermon and on suggestion of Bro. Griffith, an informal vote was taken expressing it as the opinion of this body that the teaching of said sermon ought to be practiced. After which we adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Committee on Divine Service announced preaching at 8 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. Boone.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened by singing "The Great Physician," and devotional was led by Bro Belton.

B. Y. P. U. SESSION.

Session opened by singing and prayer.

Talk by Bro. Manary.

Reports from Blue Point, Effingham, Flora, Louisville and Mount Pleasant.

Address by Bro. Darrow.

Address on Junior Work by Miss Everts.

Short talks on our needs by Bros. Griffith, Surrells, Drake, Danbury, Throgmorton and others. LULU COHEA, Sec'y.

WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missions was called for and the following report was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Women's Home and Foreign Mission work submit the following:

During the whole or part of the past year 162 missionaries have labored under the auspices of the Women's Baptist Home Missionary Society, headquarters at 2411 Indiana avenue, Chicago. The work has been prosecuted from 112 different stations or centers in thirty-four states and territories in our own land, in Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico and three states in Mexico.

The Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society has many missionaries in the foreign fields, laboring among various people, doing a most noble work.

Because of the necessity of more just such work, and the great need both in the home and foreign lands, we recommend that the sisters in the various churches in the Louisville Association organize missionary circles in their respective churches to help in this good cause for Christ.

Also, we further recommend that the sisters pray much and give an offering yearly to the support of the work, and the magazines,

"The Tidings" and "The Helping Hand," be taken and read by all so that every one may become acquainted with the grand work being done by these societies.

Much more can be done. Therefore, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE EVERTS,
MRS. S. M. HENNON,
MRS. S. R. JONES,
MAY WEAR,
} Com.

This report was discussed by Sisters Erginzingen and Everts.

RELGIOUS LITERATURE.

Report on Religious Literature was called for and the following report was read and adopted.

Inasmuch as it is difficult to overestimate the power of literature it behoves us to see that only the best is laid before our youths.

Therefore it becomes us as Baptists to insist upon all of those who expect our patronage to give us the very best from the standpoint of literature and exact religious truth.

We especially recommend the Central Baptist, of St. Louis and East St. Louis; the Standard, of Chicago, and the Baptist Flag as papers of our people.

V. COLBERT,
DAVID COURSON,
JAMES LARIMORE,
} Com.

EDUCATION.

The committee on Education reported as follows, and report was received:

Your committee on Education submit the following report:

We note with pleasure the growing tendency on the part of christian parents to educate their children. Ordinary advantages are within the reach of all. But we are aware that numbers in our church desire special courses of study. To all such we call attention to our own institutions, Ewing College, Hudelson Academy and Shurtleff College, as affording opportunity for a finished and christian education. Your committee requests that pastors will encourage young people to attend one of these institutions of learning.

J. R. STROUD,
D. H. DRAKE,
G. W. MULVANEY
J. A. LEAVITT,
} Com.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion the clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of 400 copies of the minutes of this session.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have receive the following amounts from the several churches for printing minutes:

Blue Point	$1.50
Dieterich	1.00
Effingham	1.40
Flora	1.20
Greenland	1.25
Iola	1.00
Jackson Township	1.35
Second Little Prairie	70
Louisville	1.50
Meacham	.65
Mount Pleasant	2.25
New Zion	1.00
Pleasant Plains	.50
Ramsey	,48
Wabash	1,50
Xenia	.75
Total	$18.03

Respectfully submitted, S. R. JONES, Treas.

Report adopted.

By motion, the treasurer was instructed to pay over to the clerk the money in his hands to defray the expense of printing the minutes.

By a vote of this body it is resectfully asked that when the churches appoint their messengers next year they instruct them to, by all means, stay until the association closes.

On Motion the association adjourned to meet with Second Little Prairie, five miles north of Louisville, on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m.

J. C. MYERS, Moderator.

W. H. BOONE, Clerk.

Elder T. M. Griffith was appointed by the Moderator to write a circular letter to the churches, subject to be selected by himself.

Rev. C. H. Ferrell having moved out of the association has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Mission Board to the Moderator and Clerk, which has been accepted and J. C. Myers has taken his place. Address all communications, in reference to the mission work, to J. C. Myers, Louisville, Illinois.

STATISTICAL REPORT

OF THE CHURCHES OF THE LOUISVILLE REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAME OF CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP.									EXPENSE.						CONTRIBUTIONS.								VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.
	INCREASE				DECREASE																				
	Membership Last Year.	By Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	Total	By Letter	Expulsion	Death.	Non-Resident	Total	Current Expenses	Paid Church Edifice	Paid on Parsonage	Paid on Indebtedness	Sunday School Expense	Total	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Publication Society	Baptist Orphanage	Local Missions	Total Beneficence	Grand Total	
Blue Point	58	5	1		64	1	2	2		59	$ 123 14				$27 00	$ 150 14			$ 3 00	$ 1 00		$ 5 00	$ 9 00	$ 159 14	$ 2500
Effingham	75		4		79	2	5	1		76		$ 258 31			15 25	404 76	$76 00							404 76	5500
Flora	101	14	9	2	126	5	2	3	20	116	700 00	20 00	$60 00	$100	40 00	920 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 87		15 00	27 87	947 87	
Greenland	57	2			59			1	20	58	52 94				6 06	59 00				70			70	59 70	1000
Iola	36				36		1	1	8	34	118 00				12 75	130 75	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	8 00	12 50	143 25	1500
Jackson Township	103	1			104		3	3		98	128 00				5 00	133 00			1 50	2 76			4 26	132 26	600
Second Little Prairie	145	1	2		148		3	2	6	143	100 00				8 00	108 00									600
Louisville	97	3	9		109	1				108	550 00		600 00		50 00	1200 00				4 36	5 00		9 36	1209 36	3000
Meacham	31			1	32					32	38 25			12 70	3 50	54 45								54 45	300
Mt. Pleasant	79	4		1	84	4	2	3		75	145 00				6 00	151 00				3 00		10 00	13 00	164	400
New Zion	41	13	2		56		2	1	1	53	130 00				6 00	136 00				4 92		14 08	19 00	149	
Pleasant Hill	70				70	1	1		12	68	110 00				3 50	113 50	1 00		1 00				2 00	115 50	800
Pleasant Plains	29				29		1		5	29	60 00	18 85			3 62	82 47				1 70		4 00	5 70	88 17	850
Deiterich	24			1	25				5	25	70 00					70 00						5 00	5 00	75 00	600
Ramsey	33	3	1		37	3				34					6 04	6 04						4 50	4 50	10 84	1200
Wabash	35	4			39	2	1	2	10	34	109 54				4 20	113 74		1 50	1 50			2 50	5 50	119 24	800
Xenia	46		2		48					47	155 00				15 00	170 00	2 00					5 00	7 00	177 00	1500
Herrick,	48	12	3	5	68	2		1		65	183 18				12 21	195 39								195 39	1000
Total	1060	50								1059															

PASTORS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS

OF THE CHURCHES OF THE LOUISVILLE REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AUGUST (1902) MEETING.

CHURCH.	NAME OF PASTOR	NAME OF CLERK	POSTOFFICE	ROLL OF MESSENGERS.
Blue Point.....		Adam Hutton	Shumway, Illinois.	G. Gloyd, Josie Gloyd, Adam Hutton.
Dieterich	W. A. Cannon.....	W. N. Bridges.....	Dieterich, Illinois..	W. A. Cannon, H. L. Field, Clark Field.
Effingham.....		May Hutching	Effingham, Illinois.	Grace Cohea, Lulu Cohea, Sister Loy, Lizzie Francis.
Flora	H. A. Belton	F. D. Harwood....	Flora, Illinois	H. A. Belton, A. G. Davis, Mrs. A. G. Davis.
Greenland		Burl McNeely.....	Beecher City, Ills..	W. H. Boone.
Iola	E. L. Carr.....	L. M. Patton.....	Iola, Illinois.....	E. Patton, L. M. Patton.
Jackson Township..	J. C. Myers	Clarence Phillips ..	Osker, Illinois.....	J. S. Mesnard, J. A. White, James Lorimore, Ida Riley, E C. Wilmoth.
Second Little Prairie		J. D. Burton	Louisville, Illinois.	L A. Edwards. W. A. Barnes, Hugh Hord.
Louisville.....	C. H. Ferrell.....	J. W. Cogswell....	Louisville, Illinois.	C. H. Ferrell, J. W. Sullivan, Rachel Sullivan, S. R. Jones, H. L. Monroe, Flo Phillips, J. C. Speaks.
Meacham	D. J. Mooney.....	A. Mulvaney	Farina, Illinois...	G. W. Mulvaney, David Courson.
Mt. Pleasant...	Thomas Griffith ...	H. Hennon	Ramsey, Illinois....	Salina Hennon, Mollie Hues, May Weer, Thomas Griffith.
Pleasant Hill.....	R. D. McKinnis....	T. J Bible.....	Louisville, Illinois.	John Fleener, T. J. Bible.
Pleasant Plains ...	E. Patton	Maude Boone	Beecher City, Ills .	Maude Boone, Maggie Hubbard, Ethel Krapp.
New Zion.....	J. C. Myers...	S. M. White.....	Watson, Illinsis....	S. M. White, Mrs. Donaldson.
Ramsey	F. J. Freeman....	Carrie Rude	Ramsey. Illinois....	F. J Freeman.
Wabash	J. C. Myers.....	Dollie Coiclasure ..	Louisville, Illinois.	J. C. Myers, A. J. Allen.
Xenia	J. C. Myers	J. R Bryan	Xenia, Illinois	J. R. Bryan.
Herrick	W. E, Vaughn.....	Theodore Crouch ...	Herrick, Ill.	

STATISTICAL TABLE

OF LOUISVILLE ASSOCIATION'S BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 17, 1902.

CHURCH.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERS.	ATTENDANCE	B Y P U PAPERS
Blue Point	Hattie Dunlap	Mamie L Kelley.....	Shumway, Illinois	47	20	
Effimgham	Grace Cohea	Jennie Craig	Effingham, Illinois	36	20	3
Flora	Mrs. Belton	John Porter	Flora, Illinois....	24	19	4
Louisville.	Mrs. Ferrell.....	Ina Inman	Louisville, Illinois	33		
Mt Pleasant	Ida Hennon	Mollie Huss	Ramsey, Illinois	20		

No report from Dieterich.

Mrs. C. H. FERRELL, Assistant President.
LULU COHEA, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF LOUISVILLE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.	Number of Schools....	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled....	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School	Home Expenses.....	Mission Work.....
Blue Point.....	C. P. McCain.....	Effingham, Illinois	1	6	45		5	$ 27 00	$ 4 00
Dieterich	Wilfred Field.....	Dieterich, Illinois.....	1	8					
Effingham.....	Lizzie Francis	Shumway, Illinois	1	10		50	10	15 25	
Flora	F. D. Harwood.....	Flora, Illinois	1	12	70	55	6	40 00	
Greenland	J. L. Phillips	Beecher City, Illinois .	1	9	40	35		6 06	70
Iola	E. Patton	Iola, Illinois	1	6	75	45		12 75	
Second Little Prairie..	Hugh Hord	Toliver, Illinois...	1	9	75	45	1	8 00	
Louisville	S. R. Jones	Louisville, Illinois	1	12	63	40	1	50 00	76
Jackson Township	Clarence Phillips	Osker, Illinois.....	1	9	50	35		5 00	2 76
Meacham	G. W. Danbury	Farina, Illinois	1	5	24	25		3 50	
Mt. Pleasant	Grace Shipman	Ramsey, Illinois	1	7	43	20	2	6 00	3 00
New Zion	Joseph Dixon	Watson, Illinois.....	1	8	45	35	9	6 00	4 92
Pleasant Hill	William Pruitt	Louisville, Illinois ...	1	9	45	30		3 50	
Pleasant Plains.....	William McCosh.....	Shumway, Illinois	1	6	30	20		3 62	
Ramsey	Homer Arthur	Ramsey, Illinois...	1	6	39	15	2	3 70	
Wabash	Henry Landreth.....	Louisville, Illinois	1	8	40	30	3	4 20	
Xenia	J. E. Tulley	Xenia, Illinois	1	6	48	25		15 00	
Herrick	J. D Burris.....	Herrick, Illinois.....	1	4	97	48		12 21	
Total			18	140	829	553	29	$221 73	$ 16 14

HISTORICAL TABLE

OF LOUISVLLE REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Date	PLACE OF MEETING.	PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY SERMON.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	Number of Baptisms	Membership
1851						
1852						
1853						
1854						
1855	Flora & Elm Creek	I. H. Elkin	I. H. Elkin	S. Blair.....	117	775
1856						
1857	Little Prairie	J. Kennedy	I. H. Elkin.....	S. Blair.....	139	888
1858	Hoosier Prairie ..	W. G. Eaton.....	I. H. Elkin.....	S. Blair.....	126	1115
1859						
1860						
1861						
1862						
1863	Flora.....	W C. Mitchell...	I. H. Elkin.....	J.N. Barnett.....	36	1083
1894						
1865	Louisville	I. S. Mahan.....	I. H. Elkin	J.N. Barnett	137	1222
1866	Jackson Township	W T. Green	I. H. Elkin	W T. Green	114	1285
1867	Edgewood	L. B. Wharton ...	I. H. Elkin	J. N. Barnett....	46	1113
1868	Centralia	I. Clark.	I. H. Elkin	J. N. Barnett....	159	1377
1869	Xenia	J. Cell.	I. H. Elkin.....	S. N. Bryan.....	67	964
1870						
1871	Elliottstown	J. W. Billingsly..	I. H. Elkin.... ...	T. Quick....	64	1123
1872	Irvington	Watson Clark.	J. Bell.....	Watson Clark ...	66	1114
1873						
1874						
1875	Effingham	J. M. Bennett.....	G. W. Barcus. ...	E. G. O. Groat..	46	1429
1876	Wabash	E. Patton	I. H. Elkin	H. Adams	118	1507
1877	Salem	N. A. Reed	S. L. Bryan.....	T. M. Griffith	110	1296
1878	Xenia	T.M. Griffith	I. H. Elkin.....	T M. Griffith	141	1422
1879	1st Blue Point	F. Hollen . .	I. H Elkin.....	Perry Carpenter..	110	1225
1880	1st Little Prairie.	W. R. Andrick ..	I. H. Elkin...	W. P. Surrells ...	68	1243
1881	Harmony	A R Newton ..	T. M Griffith.....	W. P. Surrells....	85	960
1882	Mt. Pleasant.....	James Osborn....	F Hollen..... ...	W. P. Surrells....	148	1355
1883	Louisville	T. M. Griffith. ...	I. H Elkin.....	Perry Carpenter..	66	1128
1884	Richland	E.Patton	E,Patton	Perry Carpenter	99	889
1885	Greenland	F. Hollen.	E.Patton	Perry Carpenter..	53	1070
1886	Flora	J. C. Wilson.....	J. C. Wilson	Perry Carpenter..	67	1004
1887	*Blue Point	A. J. Cable	E.Patton	S. R. Jones	88	873
1888						
1889	*Xenia	Geo W. Kepler ..	W. B. Lively.....	George W. Kepley	90	690
1890	2nd Little Prairie.	E.Patton	E.Patton.....	A.V.Schumerhorn	17	572
1891	Blue Point ..	B. F. Rodman....	E.Patton	J. H Bradley ...	124	847
1892	Mt. Pleasant	T. C Coffey. ...	T. C. Coffey	H Hennon	64	773
1893	2nd Little Prairie.	G. W. Danbury...	T. C. Coffey	S. J. Carlock	81	1032
1894	Greenland	T. C. Coffey.	E.Patton.....	S. J. Carlock.....	154	1182
1895	Louisville	T. M. Griffith.....	E.Patton	S. J. Carlock ...	120	1194
1896	Herrick	J. F. Baker. ...	J. F. Baker.	S. J, Carlock	63	1149
1897	Effingham	R. W Spicer	J. F. Baker.	S. J. Carlock	111	1211
1898	Blue Point	S. J. Carlock.....	J. S. Edmonds ...	S J Carlock	51	991
1899	Flora	E.Patton ...	J. S Edmonds ..	Joseph C. Myers..	25	997
1900	Jackson Township	Joseph C. Myers..	J. C. Myers.....	Jas W. Cogswell..	50	960
1901	Mt Pleasant	E. P. Brand	J. C. Myers.....	Jas W. Cogswell..	66	1149
1902	Dieterich	H A Belton	J. C. Myers.	W. H, Boone	50	1059

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